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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM

Arima, Hyogo Ken, Japan.

First Session.

Sept. 9th, 1922.

9 p. m. Called to order by Rev. J. P. Nielsen, Pres.

Twenty responded to roll-call.

Opening prayer by Rev. T. Yonemura.

The Report of the Examining Committee : –

1. In regard to Suetaka Oguchi.

The above-mentioned candidate for admission into the Nenkai took his examinations in Osaka, Feb. 2nd and 3rd. 1922, Messrs Takimoto, Nielsen, and Horn of the Examining Committee being present, and Rev. T. Chiga sending his examination questions by mail. According to the Constitution, the candidate was examined in writing in the following subjects : Theology of the Old and New Testaments, Outline of Church History, Outline of History of Doctrine, Exegesis, Luther's Catechism, Pastoral Theology, and Sermon. He was examined orally in the Constitution of the Church, his motive for wishing admission into the Nenkai, and his personal confession of faith.

The Committee begs to report that as the results of the examination are not satisfactory, the Committee cannot recommend the candidate for admission into the Nenkai.

2. In regard to Katsuji Taketani.

The above mentioned candidate took the examinations

for entrance into the Nenkai at Arima on Sept. 9th, 1922. In accordance with Chapter 23, section 4 of the Constitution, certain prescribed subjects were omitted, and the candidate was examined in the following subjects only: Theology of the Old and New Testaments, Exegesis, the Catechism. Orally he was examined in the Church Constitution, his motives for desiring to become a member of the Nenkai, and in regard to his personal faith.

In the case of Mr. Taketani, the Committee has the following to report: In view of the fact that he did not pass a satisfactory examination, we do not recommend him for admission into the Nenkai.

3. In regard to Kiyoshi Watanabe and Atsushi Muto, both candidates for Ordination.

The above-mentioned candidates for Ordination took their examinations at Arima, Sept. 7th to 9th 1922. They were examined, in accordance with the Constitution, in the following subjects: Introduction, Apologetics, Theology of the Old and New Testaments, Hermeneutics, Dogmatics, Church History, History of Doctrine, Symbolics, Pastoral Theology, Exegesis, and Ethics, all the above examinations being conducted in writing. Orally they were examined by the Committee in the Church Constitution, their motive for desiring ordination, and their personal faith. The Committee did not examine these candidates in Sermonics, as both have been preaching in our Church for more than five years.

The Examining Committee begs to report to the Joint Ministerium that the aforesaid Kiyoshi Watanabe and Atsushi Muto have both passed satisfactory examinations, and herewith respectfully recommends them to the Ministerium for Ordination.

(Signed) T. Chiga J. P. Nielsen
K. Takimoto. Edward T. Horn

The Joint Ministerium voted 17 — 2 to sustain the recommendation of the Examining Committee in regard to Mr. Oguchi

The Joint Ministerium voted unanimously to sustain the recommendation of the Examining Committee in regard to Mr. Taketani.

The Joint Ministerium voted unanimously to ordain Messrs Watanabe and Muto.

On motion it was decided to hold the ordination service on Sunday, Sept. 10th at the Church in Arima.

Moved and Carried that the Ordination Rite itself be performed by the President of the Joint Ministerium, and that this be regarded as a precedent for future guidance.

Moved and carried that the President be empowered to appoint four to assist him in the laying on of hands, two from the Nenkai and two from the Mission.

Moved and carried that the President of the Joint Ministerium be empowered to appoint one to preach the ordination sermon.

The following were appointed to assist at the ordination of Messrs Watanabe and Muto:

Revs. Aoyama and Wasa
Revs. Hepner and Linn

Mr. Watanabe and Mr. Muto were then introduced to the Ministerium in session and the decision to ordain them was announced to them by the President.

The Joint Executive Committee reported to the Ministerium that on Feb. 2nd, 1922, at Osaka, the following action had been taken in regard to the Rev. Naomaru Yamanouchi: "In accordance with part 2 of Resolution of Joint Executive Committee adopted in special session at Kumamoto, Nov. 11th, 1921, we recognize Mr. Yamanouchi's withdrawal from the Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokai."

The Joint Ministerium received this action of the Joint Executive Committee, and passed (unanimously) the following resolution: –

BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Ministerium endorses the action of the Joint Executive Committee in

regard to Naomaru Yamarouchi in recognizing the severance of his relations with the Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokai, and hereby announces that the name of Naomaru Yamanouchi is struck from the Roll of this ministerium, and instructs the secretary to report this action to the Synod in America with which Mr. Yamanouchi is affiliated.

Adjournment at 11 : 30 p. m.

Second Session.

Arima. Sept. 13th, 1922.

8 p. m. President Nielsen called the Ministerium to order.

21 answered to roll-call.

The Joint Ministerium received the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee in regard to Mr. Ayao Ito, a recognized member of the Nenkai, incapacitated for the past year and a half by reason of illness, and without probability of recovery in the near future, to the effect that Mr. Ito be granted full salary for three months in advance and his name be taken from the roll of the Nenkai.

In response to this, the Joint Ministerium passed the following resolution :

1. That it is with regret that we are compelled to retire Mr. Ito, but inasmuch as illness has rendered him unable to conduct his duties for a prolonged period, we are unable to do otherwise.

2. That the Joint Ministerum hereby entrusts the manner of final settlement of Mr. Ito's resignation to the Joint Executive Committee, it being understood that the action recommended by the Joint Executive Committee is hereby approved, but that, at the same time this does not preclude further concessions to Mr. Ito if the Joint Executive Committee deems that there are reasons for making such.

The following Officers of the Joint Ministerium were

elected: –

President: Rev. K. Takimoto
Secretaries: Rev. D. Honda and
Rev. Edward T. Horn
Examining Committee:
Rev. C. W. Hepner Rev. Aoyama
Rev. Edward T. Horn Rev. K. Takimoto

9:30 p. m. Adjournment.

Special Mission Meeting.

Arima, Hyogo Ken, Japan. Sept. 9th, 1922.

9 a. m. Devotional service conducted by the Chairman, Rev. J. P. Nielsen.

10 a. m. Meeting called to order for business.

The Chair stated that the purpose of holding this special Mission meeting in advance of the dates announced for the regular Convention was in order that the Mission might consider questions raised by the Board or other matters of business that did not directly concern the Convention, and thus expedite business.

The Mission Executive Committee was called upon to report on business transacted ad interim.

The report is as follows: –

Sept. 27th, 1921. In regard to travelling expenses to Convention at Arima the following action was approved: That our Standing Rule X, 1 (latter part) be interpreted to mean, as far as attending the Convention at Arima 1921 is concerned, that missionaries and their wives living southwest of Osaka shall be entitled to one-half their railroad tickets, and one-half their expenses for express tickets, sleepers, and meals enroute from Karuizawa to their respective stations; and that missionaries and their wives living northeast of Osaka shall be entitled to the same expenses as

those above less one-half the expenses of reaching their stations by direct route from Karuizawa.

Oct. 22, 1921. It was decided to print the Report of the Committee on Seminary Location in full in the minutes of the 1921 Convention.

Dec. 3, 1921. A canvass of the Mission was taken by which it was discovered that a majority of the Mission were in favor of the proposition made by the Literature Committee to the effect that the translation and revision of the Common Service be published not as a translation, but be made the basis for a free rendering into Japanese of a Lutheran service more adapted to the peculiarities of the Japanese Lutheran Church and the needs felt within that body.

Dec. 9, 1922. The following Resolutions on the death of Dr. Brown were formulated, signed by the President and Secretary and sent immediately to Mrs. Brown and the Board of Foreign Missions.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH

of

CHARLES L. BROWN, D. D.

By the Japan Mission.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His inscrutable Providence, to call from earth our dear Friend and Brother, the Rev. Charles L. Brown, D. D.,

We, the Members of the Japan Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America, do hereby pass the following resolutions:

1. That it is with inexpressible consternation and grief that we have received the news of Dr. Brown's death.

2. That, as a fellow missionary, as a leader among us for many years, and later as the Secretary for the Japan Mission, as well as our warm personal friend and companion, we shall not cease to mourn his loss.

3. That we devoutly render thanks to God for His wisdom and Grace in sending to Japan in the early days of our Mission's existence a man so abundantly blessed with gifts of intellect and soul as was our beloved Brother: that we thank God for the influence of his life and work here in Japan, and especially for his successful labors in the establishment of the Church in Japan, and in the founding of our school in Kumamoto which stands as an impressive monument to his ability and devotion.

4. That we see in his death the death of a martyr for the Cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, losing his life in others' behalf after the example of his Lord.

5. That we herewith pledge ourselves anew to the Cause for which he so unceasingly labored, and that we strive to emulate his sterling virtues of discretion, determination and fidelity.

6. That we herewith send our condolences to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America on the loss of our esteemed Brother as Secretary for Japan, and at the same time pray God that He would raise up a successor with like sympathetic understanding of the Japan Field and its needs, who may carry forward the work that Dr. Brown had so ably begun.

7. That we offer to Mrs. Brown and her three Sons our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, together with the assurance of our undying affection and reverence for Dr. Brown, whose death is to us the loss of a Brother, and whose memory we shall always hold in sacred veneration.

For the Japan Mission.

J. P. Nielsen, Pres.
Edward T. Horn, Sec.

Jan. 31, 1922. It was decided to urgently request the Board for a special grant of Yen – 5000.00 to the Canadian Academy, Kobe, as aid in defraying the expenses incurred in purchasing land and erecting a new building for the school. It is hereby recommended that this item be included in the Budget for 1923, as supplementary.

Feb. 2, 1922. A vote of all the members of the Mission was taken, and it was unanimously agreed to transfer the fund for a Bible Woman's House in Kumamoto, amounting to Yen – 456.62, to the building fund for the Rescue Home, provided first the consent of Mrs. C. L. Brown, under whose supervision the money was originally secured, be obtained.

March 3, 1922. The plan for the securing of property in Tokyo presented by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt was approved, the whole Mission voting, and the plan was referred to the Board.

March 15th, 1922. By vote of the Executive Committee, the Rev. J. P. Nielsen was elected to serve out the unexpired term of the Rev. D. G. M. Bach on the Property Committee.

April 5th, 1922. A letter having been received from the Board, in regard to the return of the Rev. Frisby D. Smith to the Field, a vote of the Mission was taken, a reply sent by wire to the Board at its request, and a letter of explanation sent, to the effect that the Mission would welcome the return of Mr. Smith to the Field, and would appoint him upon learning of his intention to return.

April 17, 1922. On vote of the Mission as a whole, it was decided to send delegates to the National Christian Workers' Conference in Tokyo, March 18th to 24th, 1922. Delegates were elected by ballot as follows: Rev. J. P. Nielsen, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, and Miss Martha B. Akard.

May 2, 1922. The Executive Committee made a canvass of the Mission in regard to the Japan Missions'

Business Bureau. The majority of the Mission favor our participation in this Bureau. This matter has been referred to the Board, and the Board has reported that it has it under consideration and investigation.

May 26, 1922. The health of the Bev. S. O. Thorlaksson being unsatisfactory, he was examined by a pyhsician, and presented the doctor's certificate to the Executive Committee. The doctor advises a rest of several months, and, if possible, an early furlough for thorough recuperation. Inasmuch as Mr. Thorlaksson's furlough is regularly due in 1923, the following action was taken: That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to grant the furlough of Mr. Thorlaksson and Family provisionally from the fall of this year. This matter was referred to the Board, and in reply the following cable message was received from Dr. Drach: "If Mission approves, and doctor orders, inform that furlough is granted Thorlaksson."

June 9, 1922. Rev. C. E. Norman was granted permission to leave his station from June 20th to take his family to Korea for the summer on account of special health considerations.

June 9, 1922. It was decided to hold a special Mission meeting for the consideration of matters concerning the Mission only, at the time of the Convention in September.

(Signed) J. P. Nielsen, Pres.
Edward T. Horn, Sec.

The Report of the Executive Committee was accepted and the actions of the Committee approved and adopted.

By special action of the Mission Rev. A. C. Knudten, lacking but two months of two full years' service, was granted the right to vote at this Convention, inasmuch as he has completed successfully two full years of language study.

The Board's correspondence in regard to various

matters was read to the Mission and received as information.

Inasmuch as there is a strong sentiment among the various boards and missions that the first furlough should be utilized as a time for further preparation, and whereas many of the boards are changing their rules to permit their first furlough early in order that they may take courses of study at institutions in the homeland, it was moved and carried that as a Mission we again beg our Board to take up this matter of shortening the first term of service on the field, and request that the first term be made five years instead of as at present seven.

Adjournment at 12:30 p. m.

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MISSION CHAMBER

OPENING SERVICE AND ORDINATION

Arima, Hyogo Ken, Japan. Sun., Sept. 10th, 1922.

The Opening service of the Third Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan was held in the Union Church at Arima on Sunday morning, Sept. 10th, beginning at 9 o' clock. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Nielsen. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Chiga.

At this service, Evangelists Kiyoshi Watanabe and Atsushi Muto were ordained to the holy Ministry, Rev. J. P. Nielsen, assisted by Revs. Aoyama, Wasa, Hepner and Linn, officiating. Rev. Aoyama delivered the charge to the candidates for Ordination.

The Ordination service was followed by the Service of Confession and Absolution and the Holy Communion.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Arima, Sept. 11th, 1922,
Monday, 9 a. m.

Devotions led by the Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

9 :30 a. m. Meeting called to order for business by the President, Rev. J. P. Nielsen.

Twelve full and three associate members responded to roll-call. Miss A. Powlas was absent on account of illness.

The names of the full members are as follows: – A. J. Stirewalt, J. P. Nielsen, Edward T. Horn, C. W. Hepner, Martha B. Akard, Mary Lou Bowers, John K. Linn, S.O. Thorlaksson, C. E. Norman, Maude O. Powlas, George Schillinger, A. C. Knudten.

The names of associate members present: – Louis G. Cray, Marion Potts, Reba Hendrickson.

Absent on account of sickness: – Anne Powlas.

In the name of the Convention, the Chair welcomed Misses Potts and Hendrickson who for the first time met with the other missionaries in regular convention.

The Chair appointed the following Convention Committees:

Business Committee: J. K. Linn and Miss Akard.

Reference Committee: S. O. Thorlaksson, C. E. Norman, Miss Maude Powlas.

On New Business, Resolutions, and Nominations:

C. W. Hepner, Miss Bowers, Geo. Schillinger, A. C. Knudten.

The Agenda as proposed by the Joint Executive Committee was adopted.

The President read his annual Report, which was accepted and spread upon the Minutes. Recommendations in

it were referred to the Reference Committee.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Annual Report of Foreign Missions, issued by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, has just arrived in Japan, and since this Report contains almost up-to-date information from all our Stations it has been thought best not to make a similar Report at this time, giving practically only the same facts as those contained in said Report. Therefore, your Chairman would call your attention to certain more general facts, past, present, and future, a clear comprehension of which seems most necessary to a full understanding and appreciation of our present situation and of our future needs.

There are times in the life of every individual when it is necessary – physically, morally, and spiritually – for him to get a new grip on himself, if he would avoid disastrous consequences for himself and for others. No business or undertaking can go on from year to year successfully without at times pausing to take stock and make certain readjustments. There is no greater danger, nor is any-thing more destructive of soul-power, than just to paddle about without any definite aim.

For years we have been sailing on at considerable speed, and it would be well for us at this Convention to get our bearings.

Would that this Convention might be one of earnest prayer, clear thinking, and prudent speaking.

When we met for our Mission Meeting in Nagoya five years ago we were working together under the rather loosely jointed Joint Conference, consisting of three Missions, each with its own traditions, aims and interests; and any real cooperation with the indigenous Church had hardly been thought of yet. Since then the three Missions have

amalgamated, and we are now also closely cooperating with the Japanese Church. The old lines of demarcation, dividing the fields of the three Missions, have been wiped out; men, both foreign and native, have been shuffled about to an astonishing degree, and our entire map has changed to such an extent that the old one looks strange indeed.

During the past five years, four new families and five single ladies (counting those arriving this Fall) have been added to our number, while three families and one single lady have resigned, leaving us a net gain of one family and four single ladies.

In the same period we have trained nine Japanese pastors and evangelists, while four have fallen from our ranks, which leaves us a net gain of five, added to four others who have been admitted from the outside. There are at present in the Lutheran Church in Japan twelve Japanese pastors and evangelists trained by ourselves and eleven trained elsewhere.

Since the Nagoya Conference we have opened work in five large places, making in all twenty-one Main Stations, each having a resident pastor or evangelist and a resident or visiting missionary.

These Stations are: Kumamoto, Minamata, Omuta, Kurume, Hida, Amaki, Saga, Karatsu, Fukuoka, Yawata, Naogata, Moji, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Chikusa, Toyohashi, and Tokyo. In two of the above places men are at present working who are still on trial and have not yet been admitted to membership in our Church.

How is the outlook for the future?

Our whole future is so absolutely bound up with our number of Japanese workers that the question of the available number must first occupy our attention in planning for the future. Making due allowances for inevitable losses by the way, there will be available for our work within the next five years about six or seven new workers of our own training. But it takes no prophet to foresee that at the

end of the same period almost an equal number of our present force will be either on the retired list or have gone to their reward. This means that we will need practically all our available force for the coming five years to maintain our present number of Stations.

Allow me to urge upon the present Convention the wisdom of looking this simple fact squarely in the face and reckoning with it.

For missionary occupation, the above twenty-one Stations could most naturally be grouped as follows: (1) Kumamoto–Minamata, (2) Omuta–Kurume–Hida–Amaki, (3) Saga–Karatsu, (4) Fukuoka–Naogata, (5) Moji–Yawata, (6) Shimonoseki–Yamaguchi, (7) Kobe, (8) Osaka–Kyoto, (9) Nagoya–Chikusa–Toyohashi, and (10) Tokyo.

Now, what is the situation as far as missionaries are concerned? We have at present (counting those about to arrive) just fourteen families. Our present needs would seem to be something like this: ten families for the Stations, two for the Seminary, and two for the Middle School, which means that we would just be able to meet our present needs, if all were through the Language School and ready to take up work, which, however, is not the case. As for direct and specialized work among the women and children, our needs are not at all adequately met. Only three places have single lady workers, leaving in this particular sphere a large unoccupied field, which should be more fully entered as soon as possible.

This Convention, I am sure, should adopt a comprehensive policy for missionary occupation and should carefully consider the advisability of greater permanency in locations.

Our policy, or at least our practice, for the past few years has been that of rapid outward expansion, which really only means that we have been staking out our field and fixing certain lines of operation. Now your Chair is most thoroughly convinced that the stage in our development has been reached where we for a considerable time must stop taking in more territory, concentrate all our efforts on what we now occupy and far more than heretofore do really in-

tensive work. The time has surely come to adopt a conscious and well-defined policy of concentration on our present number of places. There has been a general shaking up and unsettling of men, and necessarily so, in the recent past. Now let us settle down to prolonged and persistent hard work in our several locations, which means that a man should, as far as possible, be left in the same place for a longer period. Especially is this true, I am convinced, of the missionaries, where the best results can never be attained by constant change, but only by a larger degree of permanency. For several years we have been torn up. Now let us put our house in order and get down to hard work in the particular field to which each one of us has been appointed. It takes a missionary a long time to get really acquainted in a place, and it is a wasteful and foolish policy to uproot him every few years.

Another fact about our work in the past is that many of us have been too inclined to think that we were not doing our full duty unless we were occupying many places, and some of us have tried to hold down so many places that we have failed to really work any one of them.

Blessed is the missionary whose heart bleeds and yearns every time he sees the many unoccupied places all around him, but more blessed is he who knows his limit and his limitations, as did the Master when He said: "I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." His heart yearned more than any of us can know for the salvation of all the world, but He never attempted to do it all. We must learn from Him, not to 'take it easy' – that He never did – but to set our watches by the clock of eternity. Christ never rushed about in breathless haste, and, on the other hand, He never was too late for anything. This was because He always knew the Father's will for Him at every moment. The Father never has more than one will and one duty for anyone of us at any one time. There is a world of difference between really working and that nerve-racking condition of always being in a hurry. Sometimes we imagine we are very busy when we are really only in a fret. Just being on the go all

the time is not necessarily the same as always being at work.

In the same way the mere fact of occupying many stations is not identical with extensive missionary activity.

We have a Gospel to proclaim, and woe unto us if we do not make this a serious business, but it may well be questioned whether preaching, after all, – though we must never neglect it – is our main business as missionaries. It is the easiest thing we can do, but it is at the same time undoubtedly the least fruitful of all our activities. It is not mere preaching – it is the personal influence on somebody's life which will count for most in the end. This will, however, in no way relieve us of the great task of learning the language, as the best possible knowledge of the language is necessary and absolutely essential for this kind of close personal work, just as conversation is incomparably more difficult than just reeling off a speech which we have carefully prepared beforehand.

Just here is where I am afraid we have failed to a sad degree. If our main business is getting pretty safely through a carefully prepared sermon, then good and well, we can be moved every year – had, in fact, better be – but if our main business is that of exerting a holy living influence on men's lives through personal contacts, then far greater permanency is absolutely necessary to a successful missionary career. Almost anyone can take up our 'preaching' after us, but no one can take up the personal work within another's soul which we have dropped. It is not words multiplied – it is life touching life unseen that ever has and ever will create the Christ-life in human hearts and transform sinners into saints.

I am arguing for greater permanency in the location of missionaries, and also for Japanese pastors and evangelists.

Another question which has agitated the minds of a number of us for a considerable time is that of our very existence as a separate Mission and Church in Japan. We seem to be so far behind in everything necessary to real progress and final success that discouragement has often gotten the better of us, and we have felt that it might be wiser for us to turn our small work over to others or enter into

partnership with some other body which is strong enough to use our scattered efforts in some really great and constructive effort.

In theory it may at times be admitted that this would be the best policy, but the practical difficulties are very great just as soon as the question is taken up for serious consideration in any concrete form. It has often been asked in very seriousness: Why establish one more Denomination in Japan? Why start another Seminary here? Yet when we have faced the problem of union work with others in any concrete way, we have always, I think, found that we were not prepared to make the venture – though everyone who has been deeply conscious of our sad lack of necessary equipment everywhere must at times have very seriously doubted the wisdom of trying to go on independently.

But there are a number of questions which must be squarely met and fairly dealt with before we can reach any final solution of the problem.

So much blame for wastefulness has been laid at the door of Denominationalism, that the question must be seriously asked whether or not it is really an historical fact that Denominationalism has been so great a misfortune for the Church. Carefully considered, it has apparently not been so. It is an important fact of history – one generally overlooked – that the Church of Christ was far more active and accomplished greater things for the salvation of humanity during the period before it became one compact solidly organized body, with one visible head upon earth, than it did for a long time after that event. From the time of its greatest consolidation in outward forms it ceased to function along its God – given lines of activity and became a danger to the moral and spiritual lives of men, and it did not function along these lines again till the time of the rise of Denominationalism, after the Reformation. It is another great historical fact – not usually recognized – that the astonishing phenomenon of modern Missions coincides with the freest and most striking development of Denominations. While ideally, and surely finally, the Church of Jesus Christ must, in spirit and form, become

one, yet, in the Providence of God, Denominationalism has historically proved to be most useful.

Modern man has developed a wonderful skill for inventing big machinery as well as for creating great organizations, but only the living Spirit of God has ever created a thing with life – a living organism. When this living Spirit creates out of the present form of the Church of Christ upon earth one living organism, then and only then will the one organization follow.

It is certainly most un-Christian to everlastingly emphasize our differences, and, as has often been done, attribute to other Denominations positions and interpretations which they never held. The time cannot be far distant when we and all are ready to lay the main emphasis on our essential agreements and not, as has been done too much in the past, mainly stress the differences. Why should the hand and the foot quarrel when they both belong to the same body? There is already in Christ's Church upon earth far greater unity in essentials than most of us are willing to recognize.

But, on the other hand, there are honest differences which we never can ignore. We also believe that we as a Lutheran Church have our distinctive contribution to make to Christianity in Japan, and that we would be neglecting our duty and trust if we did not make it. Therefore we believe that it is not oneness in organization or unity of form, but oneness of purpose and unity in the Spirit which are of any real and lasting importance. God's power and guidance are back of all, Christ's influence pervades all, and the Holy Spirit is working through all for the up-building of the Eternal Kingdom. The bonds which bind Christendom together are not human but divine, and though we frankly admit our differences, we thankfully recognize the great work done by all the true branches of the Universal Church of Jesus Christ. Whether or not, in the light of eternity, one Denomination shall be seen to be in possession of greater truth than the others, we cannot give up our honest convictions and must represent truth as we see it.

The all too common talk about the great economy in

men and means which would be realizable if we were all one body is generally very shallow. Economy of men and means plays a very small part in the universe of God's creation, and it is far from being one of the main factors in the extension and building of God's Kingdom on earth. It is not the big machinery, operated on a basis of economy, which is going to keep the interest alive in the work of the Church – it is the close contact, the personal touch. This world of ours is very concrete in its make-up and we cannot get away form the concrete. Few people are ready to make any great sacrifice for some distant lofty ideal, but a little close contact with actual need in the concrete usually works wonders.

God knows our limitations and He knows that we work best in a limited sphere, and He is evidently not nearly so interested in our economy and our big organizations as some people think He should be. But God is concerned about the personal contact and about the spirit which we manifest towards others in our present divided state. In the development of the Christlike character, both in the individual and in the Church, the eternal factors are: the hard struggle, the strenuous effort, and the great sacrifice – not the easy situation where everything goes round smoothly and mechanically. While we are constantly appealing to our home constituency for equipment – and must have it – I am convinced that our present hard struggle to build up our work in Japan is the greatest blessing that will ever come to us, and our future success will, under God, depend on the way we pass through this time of upward pull – whether it leaves us bitter and discouraged, or it fills us with unflinching determination and steels our sinews. Which shall it be?

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Nielsen

President.

REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THE PAST YEAR

Just one year ago, Mr. N. Asaji was sent to America, and while we found it very difficult to fill has place in the Seminary, we were glad to see him go because we knew he was going to prepare for greater usefulness in the future.

We have had to draw very largely from the teachers in the Middle School to help us out in the Preparatory Department, and this is far from being an ideal arrangement as these are all busy in their own school and can give us only the ragged edge of their time and strength.

During the year the students have done very faithful and satisfactory work. Our small library has been enlarged by the addtion of about two hundred volumes of new books—mostly private gifts.

In March of this year, Y. Harada and S. Tominaga graduated from the Special (Bekkwa) Course, and N. Iwanaga, because of a slight misunderstanding with one of the teachers, did not finish his examination till July, and was then gradnated from the Regular Course. Mr. Harada is now located in Kurume and Mr. Tominaga in Toyohashi. As Mr. Iwanaga must take his military service for one year from this year, he has been asked to assist in Saga temporarily till that time.

Seven students applied for entrance into the Seminary during the early part of the year, and we had great hopes of having the largest entrance class in many years, but out of the above number two failed in their final examinations from the intermediate schools, and two of the others were advised that their preparatory education was insufficient. Three were admitted, all Middle School graduates with good grades: but even this small number was further reduced because one of these fell sick just before school opened and was unable to

come.

One professor, though very able as a teacher, introduced a foreign spirit into our Seminary, which was the cause of some misunderstandings and difficulties, and at last resulted in his resignation.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

At present there are seven students in the Seminary, of whom two are in the second year Theological and should graduate in March 1924. of the others, two are in the first year and two in the second year Preparatory, and one is special in the Preparatory. Of the total number of seven, five have had regular middle school education, and two are special.

As to teachers, there is only one missionary – whose furlough is due next year – giving full time to the Seminary, and one other missionary, teaching three hours per week. The Japanese teacher, who ,for the past year and three months has given full time to the Seminary, has, upon request, resigned and left the Seminary. Another teacher, who had been giving us ten hours per week, has gone to Germany for study. This leaves us in the same unsettled state which has been ours for the last two years. But Mr. Inadomi is returning from America in October, and a man whom we have tried to secure for the Seminary for the past two yeare is coming to Kumamoto this fall as pastor of the Nihon Kirisutokyokai and has promised to give ten hours per week to the Seminary. These changes of teachers from time to time are not good for the School, but we are looking forward to the Fall Term without any undue amount of anxiety.

OUR FUTURE POLICY

Our present situation is far from ideal but during the past year or two we have had a very definitely formulated policy for the Seminary, and we have been gradually working towards its realization. We raised our standards and

introduced a new curriculum last year which, while it will need revision in course of time, is on a par with that of any other standard seminary in Japan.

Our first and foremost aim has been to create a faculty which shall not be inferior to any in Japan, and we are exceedingly happy to be able to report to this Convention that our hopes are being realized beyond what we had dared to believe from the beginning. We have been sacrificing the immediate present in the interests of a real future. Last year Mr. N. Asaji joined us and was sent to America, and this year Rev. S. Sato joined us. Mr. Sato is a university graduate and a man of an unusually deep religious experience, which we have learned during the two years that he has been connected with our Seminary as a Lecturer. He is the greatest Luther student and scholar in Japan and is making Luther his life-study. Need it be said that it is a very great gain for our Church and for our Seminary that Mr. Sato has decided to join our Church and our Seminary Faculty?

After just two more years, under God's gracious guidance, we will have at least three first class Japanese, all with the best possible training and a high degree of ability to teach. Mr. Miura will return next year, Mr. Asaji and Mr. Sato will return the following year.

Our plan for the Seminary is to have three Japanese and two foreign full time teachers, each of whom shall have specialized in some one department, and this part of our plan is also rapidly becoming a reality, as far as the Japanese side is concerned. We now need to do the same for the foreign teachers. It is a truism to say that a first class faculty will insure a better grade of students. We are very ambitious for our Seminary and want to create a name for it. At present we are virtually "stuck in the mud" but our cart is hitched to a star with real cords and we feel the pull.

The present Dean is due to leave on furlough in March of next year, and he thus naturally severs his connection with the Seminary. He would appeal to this

Convention to carefully consider the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That this Convention, without respect of persons, in view of the Seminary's needs appoint two missionaries as permanent teachers, allowing them, when such arrangements can be made at the Seminary, time and opportunity for what special preparation they may need.

2. That a foreign Dean and a Japanese Head Teacher be appointed for the Seminary.

3. That the Seminary make the following entrance requirements for Special (Bekkwa) Course students: (a) Written recommendation from some local church: (b) Private support or support by one or more local churches: (c) Entrance Examinations in at least English, Japanese and Chinese, making a grade equal to that required for graduation from Middle School.

(Note: The Nenkai proposed that examinations be given in all middle school subjects, and that support be on the same basis as that of regular middle school graduates.

The Mission, however, took action to the effect that the suggestion of the Nenkai is not acceptable, but that the Mission prefers the proposal as made by the Dean of the Seminary, No. 3 above.)

4. That the Seminary add to the regular course in residence a two years' Seminary Extension Course which shall be required for all Seminary graduates before Ordination, three years being allowed in special cases for its completion, and that regular examinations be required in this course.

5. That this Convention approve the action of the Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan in extending to the Rev. S. Sato a call to a regular professorship in the Seminary, and that the Convention also agree to his leave of absence as proposed by the Zaidan.

6. That arrangements be made for one more missionary to give full time to work in the Seminary from the

fall of this year.

7. That we request the Board, if possible, to make arrangements for the Rev. I. Miura's return to Japan to take up his work in the Seminary from about the middle of April 1923.

Respectfully sudmitted,

(Signed) J. P. Nielsen,

Dean.

(Note: As stated above, the Report and Recommendations are given in the form in which they were finally approved and adopted by the Mission and Nenkai.)

The Report was accepted, and on motion it was decided to take it up for immediate consideration item by item.

The Report and Recommendations as printed above are in their form as finally adopted and approved.

Item 3 of the Recommendations was not approved by the Nenkai (the Japanese Chamber). A different reading was recommended by the Nenkai, but was disapproved by the Mission Chamber and sent back to the Nenkai for further consideration. No further action was taken by the Nenkai on this item.

Prof. S. Toyama, Principal of Kyushu Gakuin was granted the privilege of the floor to bring the greetings of the School. He presented some very interssting facts about the influence that Kyushu Gakuin is exerting in Kyushu and even throughout Japan at large, and pointed out how widely we might hope this good influence would extend in the years to come.

Adjournment at Noon.

SECOND SESSION

Sept. 11th, 1922.

2:30 p. m. Called to order for business by the Vice President.

Consideration of the Report of the Dean of the Theogical Seminary was completed, and it was proposed to hear the reading of other reports.

The Report of the Joint Executive was read, and on motion it was decided to accept it and sustain the various actions of the Committee taken ad interim.

REPORT OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sept. 15th, 1921. Arima. The Joint Executive Committee met for organization, and elected Rev. J. P. Nielsen Chairman, and Revs. E. T. Horn and N. Yamanouchi English and Japanese Secretaries, respectively.

It was voted to grant to Mr. Okuma (Evangelist) financial aid on account of illness, to the amount of Yen–100.

9/30/21 The amount of Yen–200 was voted to Rev. D. G. M. Bach for the purchase of a stereopticon instrument and slides.

10/26/21 The salary of Mr. Oguchi, on request of Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, was raised and fixed at Yen–70. per mo. with allowance for one child according to the rule for child allowance.

10/29/21 On the request of Rev. D. G. M. Bach, the engagement of the services of one Mr. Nomura, formerly in the service of the Episcopal Church, was sanctioned, with the definite understanding that Mr. Nomura's status is that of "hojodendoshi" and that he is on trial. His salary was fixed at ¥90 per mo. without allowances of any sort.

11/2/21 On the recommendation of the Woman's Work

Committee, Takimoto Uta was approved as a candidate for beneficiary aid.

11/17/21 A special called meeting of the Joint Executive Committee was held at Kumamoto, to discuss the case of Mr. Yamanouchi, following his sudden return to Tokyo unauthorized. The letter sent to Mr. Yamanouchi by Mr. Nielsen, and which was cited as the cause for Mr. Yamanouchi's sudden withdrawal from Kyoto, was read to the Committee and the reasons for writing it explained. A card and circular letter from Mr. Yamanouchi stated that though he did not intend to receive further financial aid from the Mission, his previous communications must not be construed to mean that he had resigned as a pastor of the Japan Lutheran Church. An abusive circular written by Mr. Yamanouchi and sent to the Japanese brethren at large was read in the Committee.

After thorough discussion, the following action was taken:

(1) That a letter be sent to the Rev. N. Yamanouchi in the name of the Joint Executive Committee asking him to return at once to Kyoto to take up his work there: and explaining.

(2) That at the Arima Convention when his case was under consideration the members of the Joint Executive Committee had not understood that Mr. Yamanouchi wished to leave his family in Tokyo permanently or indefinitely, but only for a time: and that therefore the Joint Executive Committee insists that Mr Yamanouchi move his family (understanding thereby at least his Wife) to Kyoto with him by the end of the year 1921.

(3) That if Mr. Yamanouchi does not comply with conditions (1) and (2) above, we understand that he thereby automatically severs his connection with the Japan Mission and Nenkwai.

(4) That we hereby request from Mr. Yamanouchi a reply as soon as possible stating clearly his intentions.

Feb. 2 and 3, 1922. A regular meeting of the Joint Executive

Committee was held in the home of Rev. Mr. Hepner, Osaka, and the following items of business were transacted:

It was voted to grant to Mr. Harada the sum of ¥100 upon graduation from the Seminary, as special outfit money.

2/2/22 Mr. Inadomi's Call. The Board of Foreign Missions, desiring to have Mr. Inadomi ordained by the Synod of the United Danish Lutheran Church in America, requested that a call from the Japan Lutheran Church be extended to him. The Jt. Ex. Com. referred the matter back to the Board, inviting their attention to Article V Section 3 of the Basis of Co-operation, in which it would appear that the Joint Ministerium alone may make exceptions to the regular procedure outlined there for candidates for ordination. The Joint Ex. Com. also took action requesting the Board to permit Mr. Inadomi to follow the regular procedure according to the rules of the Japan Lutheran Church.

" In regard to the transfer of the enrollment of Japanese pastors It was moved and carried that the English Secretary write out a form of application for transfer and send a typewritten copy to each of the pastors concerned for them to fill out and send to the secretaries of their respective synods in America.

This was done. To date 9/1/22 the transfers of Rev. Yonemura and Rev. Mr. Miura have been received.

" The Jt. Ex. Com. voted to appoint Mr. Yonemura to Kyoto, and requested the Board to approve this action.

" In re Mr. Taketani. It was voted that the Jt. Ex. Com. hereby stipulates that Mr. Taketani must take his examinations for "dendoshi" before the meeting of the next Convention, as otherwise we shall have to consider his connection with us automatically severed.

" In re Mr. Oguchi. The Jt. Ex. Com. is willing that he shall for the present remain and work at Chikusa,

Nagoya, according to the advice of Mr. S. O. Thorlaksson. But it is hereby enacted that henceforth anyone who has not yet been recognized officially by the Nenkai as a dendoshi is not to be placed in charge of an organized body of believers.

In this connection it is futher enacted that the missionary in charge have his attention called to the fact that Mr. Oguchi has not as yet been so recognized.

" In re Mr. Ito It is hereby enacted that the Jt. Ex. Com. accedes to Mr. Thorlaksson's request to have him as his language helper pending the recovery of his health.

2/2/22 In re Mr. Shiina. The Committee recommends that he go to Kanezaki after consultation with Rev. Mr. Kawase, in about April, to stay there primarily for his health, but also for the purpose of doing what he may to help the little congregation there until the Convention in the fall.

" It was voted to change the appointment of Student Tominaga from Toyohashi to Minamata, upon his successful graduation from the Seminary.

" It was voted to appoint Mr. Muto as assistant to Mr. Takimoto in Osaka.

" For very special and urgent reasons, it was voted to transfer Rev. Mr. Washiyama from Omuta to Amaki.

" It was voted that Mr. Takase should be transferred from the post of assistant in Gakuin Kyokwai to succeed Mr. Washiyama at Omuta.

" It was voted to appoint Mr. Knudten to Omuta from the fall of 1922 and request the Board to ratify the appointment.

" Permission was granted to the Rev. Mr. Takimoto to pay increased rent to the amount of ¥40 per month for a kogisho.

" Permission was granted to Mr. Wasa to pay

¥20 per month more for better place in Naogata.

" It was voted to award to Mr. Muto as a special allowance on account of illness a sum to be determined after investigation by the chairman of the Jt. Ex. Com.

" The Joint Executive Committee advised one Mr. Fujimura of Shimonoseki not to attempt to take the Course at the Seminary, on account of insufficient preliminary education and responsibilities at home that would render it difficult for him to study.

" Upon recommendation by the Woman's Work Committee, the support of one Kanamori Mitsuko in preparation for kindergarten work was approved.

" The Jt. Ex. Com. reviewed a statement made by the Evangelistic Committee in regard to the work it hoped to accomplish and the methods by which it hoped to obtain the data necessary for the work entrustsd to it. The Jt. Ex. Com. voted to reply to the Evangelistic Committee that the function of the latter committee was to draw up plans for the special evangelistic campaign, and that it ought not investigate into nor interfere with the regular evangelistic work of any station. The attention of the Evangelistic Committee was called to the duties of the Evang. Com. as outlined in the Minutes of the Arima Convention, P. 24. In regard to the request of the Evangelistic Committee for permission to go to the expense of travelling among the churches to make investigation and report the Jt. Ex. Com. rendered the opinion that the Evang. Com. might easily trespass on the rights of the Ex. Com. in this respect. In regard to the request of the Evangelistic Committee for permission to hold two meetings during the year, the Jt. Ex. Com. voted that such meetings may be held if the Evangelistic Committee deems them necessary, but requests that these meetings be held, if at all possible, at the time of the regular convention, in the interests of economy.

" Visitation. It was Voted that the two Chairmen, namely of the Mission and of the Nenkai, have the authority

to visit the various stations in the interests of harmonizing and unifying the work, whenever in their opinion there is necessity for such visitation.

" Mr. Yamanouchi. In accordance with part 2 of Resolution of Joint Executive Committee adopted in special session at Kumamoto. 11/17/21, we recognize Mr. Yamanouchi's withdrawal from the Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokwai.

" The Constitution of the Kyushu Gakuin Church was reviewed and approved.

" At the request of Mr. Honda, permission was given him to arrange for a few hours of study weekly at the Imperial University, Tokyo. It was voted to allow Mr. Honda financial assistance to cover tuition and ¥15 additional for books.

2/2/22 It was voted to postpone the discussion in regard to the proposition to establish a Bible School in Osaka, till the time of the regular Convention.

" The following Resolutions on the death of the Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D. were formulated, signed by all the Joint Executive Committee, and copies sent to Mrs. Brown and to the Board.

The following items of business were transacted ad interim by the Joint Executive Committee:

2/20/22 In re Mr. Tominaga's appointment to Minamata, on the appeal of Mr. Tominaga and in view of further information in regard to his special fitness for the work in Toyohashi, it was voted to reconsider his appointment, with the result that the action taken at Osaka 2/2/22 was rescinded in favor of his original appointment to Toyohashi.

2/24/22 It was voted to grant from the Budget for New work and New Workers the sum of ¥100 for the purchase of a bicycle for the use of Mr. Harada.

3/14/22 On the recommendation of the Woman's work Committee, it was voted to assume the support of Matsuoka Masako as a beneficiary student.

4/7/22 The Evangelistic Committee, not being satisfied with the action taken by the Joint Ex. Com. at Osaka, submitted in writing a fuller statement of its plans and methods, defining also what it understands to be its function in accordance with the instructions given it at the time of its creation at the Arima Convention 1921. The Joint Ex. Com. voted that the interpretation of its sphere of activity as rendered by the Evangelistic Committee was correct, and advised the Evang. Com. to begin its work, in order to be able to report at the coming Convention.

4/7 22 It was voted to grant to Evangelist Watanabe as special medical aid ¥60.

2/7 22 It was voted to grant to Evangelist Kitakoga as special medical aid ¥20.

3 22 It was voted to appoint Mr. Shiina to Minamata, the reasons for this change being (a) the importance of Minamata and necessity to supply the place with a worker subsequent to the change in the appointment of Mr. Tominaga: (b) the discovery that the climate of Kanezaki would probably be too rigorous for Mr. Shiina, while that of Minamata would on the contrary offer excellent opportunities for recuperation: (c) it was learned that the congregation at Kanezaki was not so large or so flourishing as had at first been reported.

5/2/22 It was voted to fix the Convention dates Sept. 10th to 14th.

5/4/22 On the recommendation of Rev. J. K. Linn, Evangelist Kitakoga was granted leave for recuperation and rest till September, and it was voted to appoint Mr. Iwanaga to Saga as temporary assistant, upon his successful graduation from the Seminary.

5/6/22 On the repeated and urgent solicitation of the Board that Mr. Inadomi be ordained in America by the United Lutheran Danish Synod, and on the Board's insistence that the call to Mr. Inadomi must come from the Japan Lutheran Church, it was enacted that a call be extended to

Mr. Hajime Inadomi in the names of the Presidents of the Japanese Nenkai and the Mission, to return to Japan and to become a worker within our Japanese Lutheran Church, and that the exact nature of his work and place where he is to work be decided later, either at the coming Convention or after Mr. Inadomi arrives on the field, whichever the coming Convention shall decide.

5/11/22 As the Committee appointed to investigate the situation of the congregation at Kanezaki reports that there are too few members and that they have too few regular services, it was voted that the question of their recognition be postponed at least till the coming Convention, and that the Kanezaki congregation be informed of this action.

5/15/22 In consideration of long illness, a grant of ¥100 as special medical aid was made to Mr. Shiina.

6/3/22 It having been proposed that the services of Mr. Otsuka be engaged as evangelist, the Joint Ex. Com. requested Messrs Stirewalt and Honda to act as an investigating committee and report in regard to his case at the time of the approaching Convention.

6/6/22 On account of the long continued illness of Mrs. Honda, a grant of ¥80 was made to Mr. Honda as special medical aid.

6/ 22 The Joint Executive Committee authorized Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and Rev. D. Honda to act for the Japan Lutheran Church in the lawsuits regarding Church property in Tokyo.

6/27/22 Medical aid to the amount of ¥83 was granted to Rev. Mr. Kawase on the recommendation of Rev. C. E. Norman.

6/27/22 Medical aid the amount to be determined on the same scale as in the case of Mr. Kawase, was granted to Mr. Taketani, on the recommendation of Mr. Norman.

7/3/22 Evangelist K. Watanabe, having received proper endorsements in accordance with the rules, was recommended to the Examining Committee for examination for ordination.

7 10 22 Voted to recommend as a candidate for ordination and examination by the Examining Committee Evangelist A. Muto.

8 2 22 The Executive Committee reports the receipt of the official transfer of the names of The Rev. Tsunekichi Yonemura and the Rev. Inoko Miura from the roster of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Roster of the Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokai.

8 9 22 On account of long and serious illness, a grant of ¥100 was made to Mr. Kitakoga as special medical aid.

THE REV. CHARES L. BROWN, D. D.

An Appreciation

The Joint Executive Committee
Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

The death of Dr. Brown has filled us all with sadness and consternation. When, in 1916, Dr. Brown left Japan, we all thought that his absence would be only for a year, and we confidently awaited his speedy return. When later on it appeared doubtful whether he would come back to us or remain in America in the interests of the Japan work, with one accord we petitioned the Board to send him back. When, however, finally it became evident that he was needed in America in the capacity of Secretary for the Japan Field, everyone of us here cherished the hope that as Secretary he might periodically visit Japan for the purpose of investiga-

tion and supervision of the work.

One year had lengthened into more than five, and still the same affection for him kept us firm to the hope that we should one day see him here again —a hope now never to be realized on this earth. The notice of his death in Africa has been received with deep mourning throughout our churches.

Dr. Brown possessed characteristics of mind and soul which pre-eminently qualified him for the work of a missionary. He was discriminating and judicious. Eagerness to learn and readiness to serve were combined in him with signal ability to accomplish definite results. He was by common consent a leader among his missionary colleagues. And by his Japanese Brethren he was regarded as a brother and companion, and admitted into their intimate counsels and confidence. He never strove by force to impose his will on others, but was in all things animated by sound reasonableness. He never set himself up as a master over his fellow-workers, but ever sought to render the greatest service by cooperating where they deemed he could be most useful. In frequently perplexing situations, when misunderstandings were difficult to avoid, he ever gave proof of true Christian humility and tact that is born of genuine consideration for the rights and feelings of others.

The Lutheran Church in Japan deeply mourns his loss. May the God Whom he and we together worship and serve bless and keep the loved ones who survive him. May God abundantly prosper the work which he so diligently sought to further while among us. And may God raise up many to carry on the Great Cause for which he gave his all, even his life.

To Charles L. Brown, D. D., noble missionary of the Cross, Christian gentleman, fellow-laborer in the Lord's vineyard, discreet counsellor, true friend, elder brother, and faithful steward and overseer of the King's Business, this poor tribute is affectionately and respectfully dedicated.

K. Takimoto J. P. Nielsen

T. Yonemura A. J. Stirewalt

D. Honda E.T. Horn

Joint Executive Committee

In session at Osaka,Japan, February 3rd, 1922.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

As the Women's Work Committee is responsible for female beneficiaries, and as all middle school undergraduates who receive financial aid now receive it on the basis of scholarships and under the Kyushu Gakuin Budget, this report deals only with the students who are at present in the Theological Seminary and those few who are in higher departments of other schools preparing to enter the ministry after the completion of high school courses.

In March, 1922, three students who had been receiving beneficiary aid, namely, Messrs. Harada. Tominaga, and (slightly later) Iwanaga, were graduated from our Seminary in Kumamoto.

Of the three who were receiving aid at Kwansei Gakuin, Kobe, two, namely Messrs. Aoyama and Sakai, have had to enter the army. The other, Mr. Murata, is reported dy the Dean of the Theological Dept. of Kwansei Gakuin as having absented himself from classes to an almost unprecedented degree, thereby exerting a demoralizing influence in the School. Upon examination, it has been discovered that the health of this student is not very robust, and the Committee has been inclined to leniency; but when questioned by the Committee, the student gave no satisfactory explana-

tion, and the Committee is considering the advisability of recommending that his name be dropped from the beneficiary roll.

The present situation in regard to our beneficiaries is as follows:

In the second year, Theological Department, H. Ouchi and Y. Yoshida.

In the Seminary Preparatory, second year, H, Hatanaka, Y. Takase.

In the Seminary Preparatory, First, K. Okagi, T. Fukuyama.

Taking special work in Waseda University, Y. Takimoto.

Up to the present in Kwansei Gakuin, T. Murata.

Thus the total number of students to whom this Committee is at present dispensing aid is eight (8).

Your Committee has no special recommendations to make at this time, but would like to call attention to the fact that experience shows that much greater care must be exercised in the selection of students for beneficiary aid than has been exercised in the past. Physical examination should be rigid. And some scheme must be worked out whereby scholarship, fidelity and good conduct can be graded together in a way that will afford a basis for judging of the fitness of beneficiaries to continue to receive aid. Beneficiaries must reach the standard or be dropped from the roster.

Committee: J. P. Nielsen Edward T. Horn.

The report was accepted as information.

REPORT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN.

For the past ten years nearly every annual report of the middle school department has had in it a statement

that during the year the school has maintained its good reputation for scholarship and its popularity among the people of Kumamoto city and province. For the past year (and reverently we say it), thanks to the especial Providence that has watched over us, the same may be truthfully reported: in the spring there ware 374 applicants for admission, while only 137 could be admitted: in point of scholarship we were gratified at being able to admit some of the very best boys from some of the best city primary schools: the average of quality seems somewhat better than the two previous years. But just how long we can presume upon our past good reputation to secure us a full quota of satisfactory grade is a grave question. Ten years ago we were abreast, perhaps even ahead of the government standard in equipment, but to-day we are rapidly falling behind the procession. There is no need to go into detail at this time: everyone knows or ought to know our needs: more class-rooms, more dormitories, a chapel, better laboratories and better equipment in them, a higher department! But I should like to most earnestly suggest just once again that any friend of the School, any friend of the Lutheran Cause in Japan, and any friend of the cause of Caristian education in the East, think most prayerfully how he can help us to bring Kyushu Gakuin up to the standard which once she set and for a while maintained, but which for lack of financial support she is slowly but surely being forced to relinquish.

In the spring of 1922 ninety-five young men were graduated, twenty-three of them Christians. The loss of so many Christians in the fifth year makes a great difference in our efforts to lead the younger students, especially as the in-coming fifth class is very weak in the number of Christian boys. On the other hand, the younger boys promise much for the development of the work of the Church in the School. The Kyushu Gakuin Church report has been separately made, but we may repeat here that the organization of the Church within the School is one of the outstanding accomplishments of our Lutheran work. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of strengthening the religious

work by affording adequate equipment in the form of a good Chapel and staff of workers whose undivided time can be given to this aspect of the work.

Since the spring of this year, both the religious work in the School and the business of the School have been crippled by the loss of Mr. Miller on furlough and the consequent necessity for the Chaplain to assume the duties of the Dean in addition to his already heavy duties in the religious work. It is to be hoped that some provision may be made whereby such a doubling up of work may be entirely obviated in the future, so that the religious work on the one hand, and the important business of the institution on the other may go on without interruption or abatement.

One of the very gratifying things that have occurred in connection with our work is the marriage of several of our Christian graduates during the past year. We like to think that these new homes are going to be the nuclei of a thoroughly indigenous Japanese Kyushu Gakuin constituency.

It will interest our friends to know that in June every student without exception subscribed to the Building Fund of the Theological Seminary, signed his name and paid his subscription. What an example for the Christian students in the Home Land !

Of those who were graduated last spring, only one student entered our Theological Department. This will be a disappointment to those who are looking for hasty results. But should we not think of the manifold unseen Christian influences that the School is constantly exerting ? and must we not look rather to the Christian constituency at large for theological students than to the graduates of a single class of a single school ? and after all is not the chief function of the school to raise up this broad Christian constituency ? We believe that Kyushu Gakuin has accomplished much in this direction already, and, given the backing in men and money, under God we will and can do the thing that the Church demands, namely rear men for Christian service.

Since the beginning of the new year in April, the

Principal has personally conducted a lecture in Christianity every Saturday morning, at which all the students (now 600) in a body hear the fundamentals of Christian faith and ethics expounded in a manner both adapted to their stage of mental development and home environment, and therefore forceful and convincing. Attendance is not absolutely required, though it is urged. It has been most gratifying to find that students and faculty practically without exception attend these lectures and listen with the keenest interest.

A special evangelistic campaign to be conducted by Rev. S. Kimura as last year) is planned for the early fall, and we confidently look for very substantial gains in the number of professing and confessing Christians.

The report was accepted as information.

REPORT OF THE MISSION PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1922

The property Committee begs leave to make the following report:

From the time of the last Convention up until the time of his furlough in April, Mr. Bach served as Chairman of this committee. For that time he reported a total of 17 actions that were taken by mail. During that time no meetings were held. As the actions by correspondence practically all deal with minor matters of furniture purchases and transfers and with a few minor repairs it does not seem either necessary or desirable to give the items here. They are to be found in the records of the Committee and may be seen by any one interested.

Mr. Nielsen having been elected by the Mission Executive Committee to fill the vacancy, the committee

held a meeting for reorganization at Kumamoto on April 25th. At that time the following business was transacted:

1. Furniture outfits were arranged for Messrs. Knudten and Schillinger, who go out to take charge of new work this fall, these outfits for the most part to be purchased new; and a few additional items were allowed to several other homes.

2. It was decided to call the attention of all the missionaries to the rule governing Mission homes and furnishings; to secure a list of Mission owned furniture now in all Mission homes; also a list of such furniture not in use, stored, or temporarily used in other than Mission homes; and as far as possible to ascertain the style and condition of all this furniture. It is the committee's idea that future committees should keep these lists revised up to date as changes may be made from time. In response to this request most of the lists have come in, but there are still a few delinquents.

3. As there were a number of requests for beds and stoves, the committee asked Mr. Nielsen to investigate matters, as he was going to Tokyo, and find out what kinds are available in Japan. In regard to stoves the committee has taken no subsequent action. With reference to beds, the action taken was that we consider as standard the Simmons Steel Bed No. 1791 or No. 1390; the Simmons Tippecanoe Fabric Spring for single beds; the Simmons Slumber King Spring for double beds; and the 28 lb. Kapox mattress. These goods are handled by Sale & Frazar, and illustrations with prices are in the committee's files.

4. The committee decided that hereafter, in making purchases of furniture for Mission homes, wicker, bamboo, or grass chairs, and wooden beds shall not be considered standard, and shall not be allowed out of Mission funds.

5. It was decided to recommend to the Mission Executive Committee that they communicate with reference to the purchase in America of furniture for Mission homes, by new missionaries or by returning missionaries, asking that

they authorize no such purchases unless requested by the Mission Property Committee, as such purchases are liable to cause confusion on this side.

6. As one of the duties of this committee is the placing of insurance on all Mission property, it was decided to investigate: a. present insurance, amount, rates, etc. b. Companies, securities, rates offered, etc. c. Relation to insurance on personally owned property. The present Chairman confesses himself at fault in not haveng attended to this matter, but so far nothing has been done. This should be one of first matters of concern for the incoming committee.

7. It was decided to ask each member of the Mission to present one or more plans for a "model" Mission home, but so far not one has been forth-coming. We wish to repeat the request.

8. At this meeting the revised floor plans of the new Seminary building were approved. The construction plans were not yet ready, but these were later passed on by mail, and the Committee unanimously voted in favor of the Romanesque style.

9. It was decided that hereafter, in order to save confusion to the president in signing orders, and also to enable this committee to keep track of the budget on which it takes action, all items of expense for furniture approved by the property Committee shall be sent to the Chairman of the Committee, who shall send orders for the same to the President of the Mission.

The committee held a second meeting at Saga on July 3rd. All members were present except Mrs. Norman, and her opinion on most of the items of business had previously been secured. The following business was transacted:

1. The plans for Tokyo Mission home presented by Mr. Stirewalt were gone over in much detail and approved as revised. A copy of the floor plans will be found in the records of the committee.

2. At the same time plans for a chapel in Tokyo, also presented by Mr. Stirewalt, were gone over and

given general approval, though as yet not much attention has been given to details.

3. It having become known that Mr. Gray expects to be married in the fall, the committee undertook to provide the necessary outfit of furniture for the new home, this to be partly by transfer but mostly by purchase.

4. The committee found that on account of the large amount of furniture that must be bought this year the budget for that purpose would not be sufficient, so a careful revision was made of the lists that had been previously granted, and some of the articles that were not absolutely imperative were temporarily stricken out.

5. A desk and desk chair each were granted to Misses Akard and A. Powlas and to Mr. Norman for Treasurer's use. Some changes were also made in a list previously granted Miss M. Powlas.

Other items that should be recorded are as follows:

1. On July 3rd there was a fire in the Saga Mission home caused by the explosion of an oil stove used in drying, and damage was done to the dining room and to the small flower room adjoining, chiefly the latter. Fortunately, it was discovered immediately and help was near at hand, so it did not gain great headway. The insurance collected was Yen 378., and it is thought that this will cover the entire damage.

2. On July 11th the Chairman placed an order with the Fukuoka Chikuyo Ken Honten for furniture in the amount of Yen 1800., this to be ready for delivery by September 15, 1922.

3. The committee having agreed upon such articles of furniture as should be considered of standard style and quality, choosing mostly from among furniture in our various Mission homes in Fukuoka, Saga, and Kumamoto, arrangements have been made with the above named firm that will greatly facilitate future orders. They have taken exact measurements and have made drawings in accordance with our specifications, and have them on file. Copies of the drawings are also to be found in the files of the

committee.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Linn, Chairman.
Annie Powlas
Lottie W. Norman
August 15, 1922. J. P. Nielsen

The report was accepted and referred to the Reference Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN KYUSHU.

The Joint Committee on Higher Education in Kyushu has had no meetings during the past year and thus your member on the committee has nothing to report. It is recommended that the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. Nielsen

The report was received as information.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY BOARD OF CANADIAN ACADEMY.

Your representative on the Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy at Kobe was not able to attend the organizing meeting of the Board a year ago, as the time of this meeting conflicted with special evangelistic meetings in his station. Besides this, there was a called meeting of the Advisory Board and Board of Directors held on January 9th,

which he would have attended, but the notice of same did not reach him till January 14th. The urgent business at this meeting was in regard to a new school building. Later, he was called to Kobe by wire for consultation with a Special Committee of the Board of Directors, concerning which he at once reported to the Mission President, with recommendations to our Executive Committee to the effect that Our Mission be responsible for Yen–5000.00 towards the building fund of the new plant. On April 6th, the corner–stone of the new building was laid, after which ceremony the Advisory Board held its regular spring meeting to hear annual reports and recommendations.

Although during the past year none of the Lutheran missionaries' children were enrolled, nevertheless, since the opening of the School nine years ago, nine of our children have been in attendance from time to time. We feel that we need this institution, and most heartily recommend that we continue our co–operation and give our support in every possible way.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) S. O. Thorlaksson.

The report was accepted as information.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S WORK COMMITTEE.

Sept. 1921 ..... Aug. 1922.

Six women missionaries on the field, four of whom are doing work in 8 stations and 2, Misses Potts and Hendrickson, are in the Language School in Tokyo.

Miss Martha Akard reports the kindergarten work in Hakata and Kurume as follows.

In connection with Hakata kindergarten we have had three workers this year. Two are regular teachers and a third a special worker. Theoretically, this arrangement is ideal and it worked out quite practically. Beside the conduct of the daily kindergarten work proper in a more acceptable way than ever (for the teachers have been unusually faithful and earnest) we have been able to engage in the following activities, regular monthly Mother's meetings, which tho the numbers have not been large, have been very satisfactory, two Father's meetings during the year which were very interesting and show possibilities for development; an annual meeting last Fall for the graduates, followed by weekly meetings, weekly story and play hour–for the children of the neighborhood, two stereoptican Bible lectures, a Sunday afternoon graded Sunday School, which while discouraging has been much better than in former years, great deal of systematic calling in the homes has been done, and distribution of literature made. The gifts of the parents and children at Thanksgiving, Christmas and other times, in behalf of the Kindergarten itself, our Orphans home, the sick and famine stricken in Armenia, have been very encouraging. During the year one father and one mother as direct results of the kindergarten work have been baptized. One grandfather is preparing for baptism and several others have shown definite interest and have attended Church irregularly.

We are continually conscious of the unlimited possibilities in connection with this work and pray that we may be used to glorify His name in it.

Kurume Kindergarten Work.

The work in this field has been very discouraging this year on account of changes of teachers and pastor and sickness among the teachers. It has been impossible to do the systematic work, which was planned for graduates and parents, but the mothers meetings have been almost regular monthly, and have been well attended and satisfactory. The attendance in the kindergarten has been good and the work done fairly good. It is very difficult to do satisfactory

systematic calling in the homes, unless the missionary is on the ground. But the teachers have shown interest and enthusiasm and have tried faithfully to sow the good seed in the hearts of the little children, who after all are the best ground.

The new pastor is giving himself earnestly to the work which is a very promising sign.

Miss Mary Lou Bowers reports the work for women, girls and children, in Hakata, Omuta and Naogata as follows;

Sunday Schools.

Besides a Bible class for High School–girls in Hakata Church, average attendance 11 and 5 baptisms in the year, there are four other S. S., attendance 151, held weekly. Weekly meetings for parents in connection with two of these have brought satisfying spiritual results. The young Christians are working joyously as teachers, secretary and librarian and the delinoscope sent out by friends in America has been used no less than 9 times to show beautiful pictures of Life of Christ to hundreds of people.

Work for Girls. Hakata, Bible classes and English classes held biweekly at the church and a young Girls Society held bi–monthly have kept the girls very busy. In the Fall they put on a moving picture of the Life of Christ, 2000 people attending and proceeds given to our Orphan Home and Lutheran Woman's Hospice. The girls are very active and earnest. In this society we are developing Christian workers.

A class for nurses has been held weekly in one of the hospitals in Fukuoka. These nurses are very earnest in their study of the Bible and are speaking for Christ in their work among the sick.

Omuta Monthly meetings for girls with an average attendance of 40 have been a big influence for Christianity. A Bible lesson is taught every month to 100 girls in the local government school and the coming of the missionary teacher is eagerly awaited by both pupils and teachers. This is the most open field we have. Thank God for this opportunity.

Naogata. On account of lack of workers we have been

able to hold only 4 meetings here during the year but pupils and teachers of local government school are very much interested in Christianity and ask for bi-monthly meetings.

Work for Women; Monthly meetings have been held in Hakata. Some of these women are very earnest and active. They have taken a deep interest in the Lutheran women's Hospice and have worked for it. But we regret very much to say that the Hospice which was opened in Feb. we were compelled to close in July. Patients did not flock to it as we had expected. This was probably due to several reasons. First the opposition of the local hotels, which considered us their rival. Secondly, this kind of missionary work is not yet understood in Japan and is viewed with suspicion by any who are not Christian. The Christian constituency is not yet large enuf to support scuh an undertaking. Altho it was considered best to close the Hospice at this time we hope that the day will come when the Spirit of Christ shall so pervade Japan that this kind of work for those who are sick and in trouble will be appreciated and supported by the Japanese themselves.

The most important part of evangelistic work is the visiting and heart to heart talks with those who are inquiring the Way of Life. In thus giving Christ to these people lies the deepest joy of being a missionary and I am so glad that most of our time is spent in this most vital work.

Miss Maude Powlas who has charge of the Rescue work and the Orphanage in Kumamoto gives that report elsewhere.

Miss Annie Powlas has charge of the Saga and Ogi kindergartens and reports as follows;

Report of Saga Kindergarten

When the kindergarten opened last Fall there was an enrollment of only sixteen with an attendance of from nine to fourteen. The big Buddhist Kindergarten near by had almost crushed the life out of us. We found it impossible to secure trained teachers. After running the kindergarten alone for a week we succeeded in finding an untrained girl

to help. With this fine spirited Christian girl we managed to hold the children until we found a well trained teacher who came to us in November. We began to have monthly mothers meetings and to have graduates meetings. These were very well attended. The meetings for fathers and mothers were most encouraging. One of the fathers who was a newspaper man, wrote up the account giving mention especially to Mr. Linn's Christian talk. Along with the encouraging features of our work we have had many discouragements. But when we compare our enrollment of 44 now and 16 of last Fall and our large increase in attendance we feel hopful and know that our kindergarten is on the road to recovery.

Report of the Ogi Kindergarten

This Kindergarten was opened in January with an untrained teacher. I was only able to attend two days a week but from March we had kindergarten every day in the week and monthly mothers meetings which were well attended. We now have 49 children and an attendance of from 25 to 35. Progress is slow due to lack of teachers. Our twice a month girls meetings are encouraging the attendance increasing until in July there were 26. The Friday classes held twice a month have reached as high as 89. Once the city school sent five teachers to investigate our meetings and they must have taken back a good report for the next time we had more girls and teachers than we knew what to do with. We could never feel certain about this class but on the whole our work with these girls was encouraging.

I go to Karatsu once a month for a girls meeting. Our group only numbers 18 but they seem willing to work and at least half of the time they seem interested.

Respectfully submitted

Annie. Powlas,

Report of Woman's Committee

Sept. 1922.

During the year eleven beneficiary students have been taken on for support by our Woman's Committee. Of

these five are in Bible Training Schools. Three are in High Schools preparatory to taking Bible training. Two are in Kindergarten Training Schools. One is in training for Rescue Work.

From last April the support of one of these girls was taken over by her brother but she still promises to work for our Lutheran Church after her graduation. One girl has given up her school work temporarily to take up practical work. So at present we have nine girls in training to be Christian Workers. Three of these have conducted an eight day summer vacation Bible School for children in Kumamoto this August. About fifty children and the teachers give enthusiastic reports of success and desire to conduct the same kind of school next summer.

Recommendations

1. That the location of our Lutheran Girls School be reconsidered and decided if possible by this Convention.
2. That we do not give beneficiary students support during the summer vacation unless they have no other means of support or are working for the Mission.
3. In view of the shortage of woman workers and of the fact that a Missionary has been appointed to Omuta, Resolved: That the Women give up their work in Omuta for the present, including the Day Nursery which was granted last year but which was not opened on account of change of workers.
4. That we ask the Board for One thousand Yen (Y 1,000.00) for the first year's work in opening up a kindergarten in Hakozaki, Fukuoka from April 1923.
5. That rules governing beneficiary students be as follows;
   a. For two years of training in a kindergarten training school, or three years training in Bible training school that the candidate be obliged to give two years of service to the Lutheran Church and during this time refund four yen per month to the Mission.
   b. In case of failure to meet this obligation the candidate promises to refund the full amount for the unexpired

term at the rate of fifteen yen per month.

c. In case of girls educated in America that they be obligated to give at least five years of service to the Mission.

Signed,
Mary Lou Bowers
Martha B. Akard
J. P. Nielsen
Woman's Committee.

The report was received and taken up for consideration item by item. It was then adopted as a whole in the form as printed above.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met at Osaka on Feb. 5–6, at which time (1) the manuscript of Horine's Catechism was entrusted to Revs. Takashima and Hepner for revision, with a view to publication. (2) The authorization to abridge or revise our present Liturgy, or even create new forms for our Japan Lutheran Church, in keeping with the spirit of this people as well as the spirit of worship, was requested, and later was granted by this body.

The second meeting was held at Karuizawa, Aug. 23–26. The results of this meeting are embodied in the mimeograph copies of the Service which have been placed in the hands of the members of this Convention.

The Catechism is not yet ready for the publisher, though your Committee earnestly endeavored to complete its work by the time of this Convention.

(Signed) J. P. Nielsen
C. W. Hepner

The report was accepted as information.

Immediately following the report of the Literature Committee, the following resolution was introduced and carried:

"Considering the difficulty of adapting a translation of Horine's Catechist's Handbook to Japanese needs, be it Resolved:

(a) That the Literature Committee at work on this book be instructed to make a catechism, using, or omitting, such parts of this catechism as it may deem wise and also using from any other work on Luther's Catechism, or from any other source, such material as it may consider needful in the formation of a catechist's handbook suited to the needs of our Lutheran Church in Japan: and also

(b) That a revised edition of the text of Luther's Small Catechism for use by persons under instruction be published as soon as such can be prepared."

Second Session adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1922.

9 a.m. Devotions conducted by Rev. C. W. Hepner.

9. 30. Called to order for business by the President.

The Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

In regard to Tokyo Property, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:–

"Considering the fact that.

(a) Leasing land for buildings is unsatisfactory and is a thing against which we have been advised by many who are acquainted with the system of building houses on leased land: and that

(b) At present, it seems impossible to find a lot which can be leased in a suitable location for a chapel: and

that

(c) Because of financial depression, land, in Tokyo, can be bought at a lower rate than has been current during the past few years, and lower than is likely to prevail in the future: be it

Resolved: That we again urge the Board to provide Yen–20,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable lot for the proposed Tokyo Chapel and parsonage and that for the same reasons the Board be urged to provide Yen–20,000.00 for thepurchase of a suitable lot for the proposed mission home in Tokyo.

In the same connection, the following resolution was adopted:–

That we hereby request the Board to appropriate towards the fund for property in Tokyo the amounts realized above two yen for one dollar on bills of exchange against our Budgets during 1922 and 1923.

The following resolution calling attention to the needs of the Osaka Station was introduced and adopted:–

"Inasmuch as our work in Osaka has been organized with 37 communicant members, and the need for a church building thus intensified, be it resolved, that we urge upon the Board again the importance of providing as soon as possible the necessary equipment for this Station."

Various appointments recommended by the Joint Executive Committee were discussed and approved. (For convenience these are printed elsewhere)

Adjournment at Noon.

FOURTH SESSION

Sept. 12th, 1922.

2:30 p. m. Called to order by the President.
Opening prayer offered by Rev. Geo. Schillinger.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we declare it to be our policy for the coming five years at least, not to open any new stations, but to concentrate all our efforts on those already opened: and that we declare it to be our sincere conviction that, for the next five years, equipment is far more needed than an increase in the number of missionary families.
(Note: The Japanese House replied that it did not see the necessity for stating this policy at this time: but the Mission reiterated this as its conviction and offered further explanation: The Nenkai took no further action.)

2. But that, in view of possible losses, we petition the Board to send out at least two new families during that time: and that we respectfully call the attention of the Board to the great lack of single ladies for the work among women and children.

3. That we consider a thorough theological training of the utmost importance for missionaries to Japan, and that for this reason we ask the Board to urge prospective missionaries to Japan to take the B. D. graduate course before coming to Japan or during the first furlough: and

also that at least part of subsequent furloughs be spent in some special study or research work.

4. That the Japan Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America defer action on the proposal to join the Japan Christian Council and that the incoming Mission Executive Committee be instructed to study this question and bring in recommendations at the next Convention.

5. That Japanese men who are sent abroad by our Mission for education or special study, unless already ordained, shall return to Japan for ordination by the Evangelical Lutheran church in Japan according to its Rules for Ordination.

6. That the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan considers it a very great honor to be invited to become an associate synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, but that we regret to state that we are not ready for the present to accept this honor, but,

7. That the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan considers it a special privilege to be allowed to send a fraternal delegate to the Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America: and that we take this opportunity to invite the Lutheran Church in America to send a delegate to our conventions from time to time.

8. That we call the Board's attention to the fact that this Convention does not consider the work in the city of Kyoto "new" in the usual sense, as it was merely the transfer of work already approved and opened in a less advantageous location in the same general district, to Kyoto, and as it entailed no increase in the Budget. That we further respectfully direct attention to the fact that an unexpectedly favorable place for church work has been rented, not a few hitherto unshepherded Lutherans have already been gathered in, and there is every prospect of great success. That a withdrawal would deplorable, and that we request the Board to approve opening of this Kyoto work.

9. That a committee of two be appointed to work

out a reading course in Japanese, and also a suitable course of special study in Japanese history, religions, and customs, to be pursued and reported on to the Mission Executive Committee during the years between graduation from the Language School and the end of the first term in Japan.

10. As it is unlikely that the Mission will be able to continue to pay, as in the past, medical bills for Japanese pastors and evangelists, that this Convention adopt the following scheme for a Mutual Aid Fund for Japanese pastors and evangelists and their families:

(a) That pastors and evangelists contribute to the Fund monthly one per-cent of their salaries and allowances.

(b) That the Mission deposit monthly an amount equal to twice the above amount. N. B. This shall be the rule for the first year of the operation of this fund, but after the first year, the Mission shall deposit an amount exactly equal to the total of the deposits of pastors and evangelists.

(c) That the total of these amounts be deposited each month by the Mission Treasurer on a separate bank account.

(d) That the Japanese Nenkai draw up rules to govern payments from this Fund.

(e) That the Fund be administered by the Joint Executive Com.

11. That we call the attention of our Board to the fact that our only relation to the Christian Literature Society is one of financial support, which can be terminated at any time by our own action, but that we favor continuing our support for the following reasons:-

(a) It is impossible to carry on Christian work in Japan without literature.

(b) We are utterly unable to publish our own literature, and it would be extremely poor economy even if we could.

(c) The Christian Literature Society is managed by conservative and constructive men whose good work we

are ready and happy to support to the extent proposed in the Budget.

12. That we make the following statement to our Board about Newspaper Evangelism: –

(a) Newspaper Evangelism aims to, and usually does, deal only with those essential common truths and facts of Christianity about which there is no disqute.

(b) One of its fundamental principles is that of only calling attention to and creating interest in Christianity and, as soon as this has been accomplished, to turn its enquirers over to the local churches, and it consistently refuses to give any further instruction to those who live in places where they can go to some local church for instruction and Baptism.

(c) It recommends the establishment of local Christian assemblies in places where there is no Church at work, and it sends a weekly sermon to such assemblies or to individuals in lonely places, but it absolutely refuses to send these sermons to anyone who is able to attend a church.

(d) It represents a most conservative and orthodox view of Christianity.

(e) As a direct result of Newspaper Evangelism persons have been instructed and baptized in our Lutheran Churches in Hida, Kumamoto, Moji, Fukuoka, Yawata, and Naogata.

(f) We are convinced that the results for our own work would be practically nil if we were to use our contribution in an independent effort, as it would be impossible to conduct this kind of work on so small a financial scale.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. P. Nielsen, Pres.

(Note: As stated above, these recommendations are here reproduced in their amended form in which they were finally adopted by the Mission or Convention.)

These recommendations were taken up for discussion

item by item, adopted seaarately, and then the recommendations were adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted :–

1. "That the Mission approriate from Item for General Incidentals in the 1922 Budget (Mission) Yen–150. for the purpose of providing a library of books concerning Japanese history, religions, customs, etc., for the use of members of the Mission, and

2. That the purchase and administration of this library be arranged for by the Mission Executive Committee."

Adjournment of Fourth Session at 5 p. m.

FIFTH SESSION

Sept. 13th, 1922.

9 a. m. Devotions led by Miss Martha B. Akard.

9:30 a. m. Called to order for Business, by the President.

After the Minutes of the previous session had been read and approved, at the suggestion of the Business Committee, the House proceeded to the consideration of appointments.

The following appointments recommended by the Joint Executive Committee were finally approved by vote of both the Mission and the Nenkai : –

The Rev. J. P. Nielsen wes elected Dean of the Theological Seminary, and authorized to represent the Seminary in this capacity on his approaching furlough in America, and take up actively the duties of that office upon

his return to the field.

The Rev. John K. Linn was elected a professor in the Seminary, to assume the duties of a chair in the Seminary from November 1st of this year.

The Rev. L. S. G. Miller was elected Dean of Kyushu Gakuin.

The Rev. Edward T. Horn was elected Chaplain of Kyushu Gakuin and pastor of the Kyushu Gakuin Church.

The Rev. D. G. M. Pach was appointed to return to the Moji–Shimonoseki Field.

The Rev. C. K. Lippard was appointed to return to the Kobe Station.

The Rev. George W. Schillinger was appointed to succeed the Rev. John K. Linn in the Saga Station.

Inasmuch as the rapid recovery of the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson on the Field seems improbable, moved and carried that he and his family be granted their furlough at once, and that the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson be hereby authorized to secure passage for America as soon as arrangements can conveniently be made.

The Rev. A. C. Knudten's appointment to Omuta is rescinded, and he is hereby appointed to succeed Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson in the Nagoya Station.

Rev. C. E. Norman is hereby requested to visit the Moji Field from time to time in order to endeavor to continue the work there till the return of Rev. D. G. M. Bach. And Pastor Kawase of Yawata is hereby requested to visit Moji in co–operation with Mr. Norman with as much regularity as other duties will permit.

Rev. Edward T. Horn is hereby appointed associate missionary in connection with the Minamata work, which is directly in charge of Evangelist Shiina.

That Mr. K. Taketani, missionary's assistant, be dismissed with three months' salary in advance.

That Mr. S. Oguchi, missionary's assistant, be dismissed with three months' salary in advance.

That Mr. Nomura, missionary's helper, be dismissed with one month's salary in advance.

That Mr. Ayao Ito, Evangelist, on account of ill health which has rendered him unable to perform his duties for more than a year and a half, be requested to resign, that his name be taken from the roll of the Nenkai, and that he be granted three months' salary in advance. That this action be referred to the Joint Ministerium for final approval.

That Mr. N. Iwanaga remain in the Saga field as assistant till the time when he must enter the army in December of this year. That during the period of his service in the army, he shall receive a stipend of Yen twenty per month and be considered on leave of absence (kyu-shoku).

That the Rev. K. Watanabe be considered as under appointment for Saga.

That Evangelist Kitakoga be appointed to Karatsu: but that for the present, and until Mr. Iwanaga enters the army in December, he be continued on sick leave with permission to remain in Saga if he prefers.

That Mr. Iwanaga be requested to conduct the work at Karatsu for the present, but whether he shall reside in Karatsu or in Saga shall be left to the decision of the parties directly concerned in consultation with the resident missionary.

That Rev. J. P. Nielsen be authorized to take his furlough in 1923, the precise time of his departure to be determined by his own preference and the convenience of the Seminary.

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The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Mission:—

Having learned with regret of the resignation of the Rev. J. M. T. Winther and the Rev. Frisby D. Smith, hereby be it Resolved:

That the Japan Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America, in regular session at Arima, Sept. 10th to 15th, 1922, urges the Rev. J. M. T. Winther and the Rev. Frisby D. Smith to return to Japan and resume their work in our midst, and that we hereby assure them that we shall be happy to give them appointments as soon as we are notified of their intention to return.

The following Officers of the Mission were elected:

Pres. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.
Vice Pres. Rev. C. W. Hepner
Sec'y Rev. Edward T. Horn
Treas. Rev. C. E. Norman

The four above-mentioned officers and Miss Martha B. Akard (duly elected by ballot) are the Mission Executive Committee.

Rev. Louis G. Gray was elected Assistant to the Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the President, Vice President, and Secretary be the Mission members of the Joint Executive Committee.

Fifth Session adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

SIXTH SESSION

Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

2:30 p. m. Opening prayer offered by Mr. Horn.

Called to order for business by the President.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following resolutions were introduced by various committees, and adopted in the form herewith recorded:–

Resolved: That all contracts, documents, receipts, and other important papers pertaining to real estate rented by the Mission be filed with the Mission Shadan, and that as far as is expedient, such contracts, documents, receipts, and other important papers be made in the name of said Shadan.

Resolved: That the Literature Committee continue its work on the revision of the Service Book.

Resolved: That a Committee of three be appointed at this Convention to work with a similar Committee from the Japanese Chamber on the revision of the Basis of Co-operation and the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

Resolved: That a Special Convention be held during the Spring Vacation of 1923, at Kumamoto, for the purpose of discussing and acting on the above-mentioned revisions and amendments: and

That the committee having these revisions and amendments in hand submit the proposed revisions etc. in writing to every member of the Mission and Nenkai at least two months before the opening of the Special Convention.

Resolved: That inasmuch as April 2nd, 1923, marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church in Japan, the Special Meeting in the Spring of 1923 be termed the Thirtieth Anniversary Convention, and that one day of the convention be set apart as a special memorial day, and be celebrated with services appropriate to the occasion.

Moved and carried: That the indebtedness of about Yen-900. on the Hida Chapel be paid by a special item in the Budget for 1923.

Moved and carried: That the amount of money (about Yen–1.000.) which has been put into the lot of ground in Kuma, Hida, be paid by the Mission before the first of March, 1923, or that the lot be transferred to the person who up to the present has negotiated the money which has been put into the lot.

Publicity Committee:

Resolved: That a standing publicity Committee consisting of four be elected, the duties of which shall be: (a) To solicit articles for our Church Papers. (b) To receive for information and reference all reports and circular letters sent to the Home Church. (c) To be responsible for one Special Japan Number of both the Foreign Missionary and the Woman's work each year.

The following Standing Committees were elected:

Budget and Finance Committee: Messrs. Hepner, Norman, and Schillinger.
Evangelistic Committee: Messrs, Linn and Hepner.
Literature Committee: Messrs, Hepner and Nielsen.
Property Committee: Mr. Norman, Miss Bowers, Mr. Knudten, Miss A. Powlas.
Colony of Mercy Committee: Miss M. Powlas, Mrs. Nielsen, Miss Akard, Mr. Linn, Mr. Horn.
Women's Work Committee: Misses Akard, M. Powlas, and A. Powlas.
Joint Committee on Higher Education in Kyushu: Mr. Horn.
Delegates to Conference of Federation of Missions:

Principals	Alternates
Mr. Stirewalt	Mr. Linn
Mr. Hepner	Mr. Knudten
Mr. Norman	Mr. Schillinger
Miss Akard	Miss A. Powlas

Reporter to Japan Evangelist: Mr Norman.
Representative on Advisory Board of Canadian Academy: Mr. Hepner.
Statistician: (elected last year for three years) Mr. Stirewalt·

Committee on Publicity: Mr. Norman, Mr. Stirewalt, Miss Bowers, Mrs. Knudten.
Auditors: Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Schillinger.
Photographer: Mr. Knudten.

The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following, which were adopted:–

Resolved: That we designate the month of June as the time when furloughs ordinarily begin.

Resolved: That any wife who can, and wishes to, continue her language study shall be granted full language allowance or as much thereof as she needs.

Whereas, the Principal of the Language School continually complains about the late arrival of our new outcoming missionaries, and

Whereas, missionaries arriving thus late endanger their health in efforts to make up lost time, and, as in the case of last year, have sometimes to use practically their entire Christmas vacation to that end,

Be it resolved: That we hereby urge our Board to have all outcoming new missionaries arrive in Japan by the 10th of September.

As there has been someconfusion in the past in regard to various missionary special allowances, it is hereby resolved, that the Mission Executive Committee be instructed to investigate all rules in regard to special allowances, making interpretations and rulings regarding items that have been misunderstood or variously interpreted, and, whenever the Executive Committee may deem it advisable, they may propose revisions or additions for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved: That we accept as a basis for discussion in regard to the matter of the amendment of the Basis of Co-operation and Constitution, the draft of amendments pro-

posed by the President: that this draft be put into the hands of the Joint Revision Committee: and that a copy of the draft of the proposed amendments, Basis of Co-operation and Constitution be placed in the hands of each member of the Mission and Nenkai before the end of this year, in order that everyone may make a thorough study of the matter before the Special Convention in the Spring of 1923, at which action will be taken.

The Report of the Committee on the Colony of Mercy was read. The recommendations contained in the report were taken up for discussion and acted upon item by item, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COLONY OF MERCY.

This year has brought its trials and failures to our little home. Many of these failures came from over-crowded and inadequate buildings, some from inexperience, and some just came anyway.

In the Rescue Work one of our girls, Eiko Mizuno San, after being in very bad health for nearly a year, took influenza and pneumonia and died. Her life with us was short, but her beautiful faith and sweet spirit will long be remembered by all. Her genuine christian character has been a great incentive to go forward with the work. Fukuyama Momoko San graduated from the high school and was sent to the Friend's school in Tokyo in order that she might have higher education, and also that she might be near the rescue home in Tokyo and learn more of the rescue work as she had expressed a desire to help do that work. But as she seemed not to be making use of her opportunities as we thought she should the committee decided to take her out of school the remainder of the year and put her to work.

One girl was successfully rescued, but one week later ran away. We found out where she is a few days ago, and will try to get in touch with her again as soon as we get home. Two other girls were prevented from being sold.

In April we added a three weeks old baby to our little Orphan Home. There have been several other applications for entrance but they were illegitimate babies with no real reason why they should be taken in except to save the parents from disgrace. One of these babies was taken in the next day by the Catholic Home without investigation. Another one was dead in less than two weeks though he was a fine big boy when brought to our door. Another, a legitimate child, the sister of our little deaf and dumb boy, whom we thought much better off with her mother, even if the mother did have to leave her with some one else during the day while she worked, died in a very short time. We should like to have the mission to express an opinion on what it thinks to be the wisest policy in dealing with such applicants. The rearing of such tiny babies is a hard and expensive work—made doubly hard because it seems impossible to find a woman who either knows how, or is willing to learn how, to properly care for a bottle-fed baby. With our present housing and equipment it is impossible to do a great deal more than we are doing, but when we get into our new quarters we can take these babies in if the mission thinks it wise.

In the old peoples department there has been a "Doma Baba" a "Genkan Baba", and a "Little-Room-Baba" much to the discomfort of the rest of the house-hold, but there seemed no help for it as there were no houses for such people to be had. A number of others were helped a little from time to time when they could find no work. These have been turned out of house and home this summer with no one to look to for help except us— our little blind girl and her nearly blind mother are now living underneath a house. A christmas tree was held again this year for these unfortunate ones, at which time the girls and women's societies of our two Kumamoto churches gave and made many

much needed futon and kimono. Each child received a toy or school supplies and each family received two sho of rice, which were paid for by special gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Maude Powlas

The Rescue Committe, hearing rumors of money for building purposes being on the way, convened June 12. drew up plans for three buildings, one a nagaya for the old people, one a home for children, and a temporary home for the foreign worker, later to be turned into a home for girls.

As the rumors proved to be only rumors as far as getting into possession of the money was concerned our plans continued to exist only on paper. A very recent letter from Mrs. Cronk, however, states that $ 3.500 is collected, and that within a short time there is every reason to hope it will reach the $ 5.000 mark. The rescue fund has approximately 3000 yen on hand for building purposes. The Rescue Committee met again September 12, and with these facts in mind decided, with the approval of the convention, to begin building operations on the rescue land as soon as possible.

One further reason for hastening the putting up of some buildings is this fact. The Kumamoto authorities are tearing down in all parts of the city the old unsanitary nagaya in which the old people under our care have found shelter. This winter a number of them will be houseless and reduced to live under bridges and temple genkan and such places, unless we can provide them shelter. They have come to look to us for help, and we feel we cannot fail them in this extremity.

In view of these facts the committee would make the following recommendations.

1. That with funds now on hand we build a nagaya for our old people this fall.
2. That a house be built for our orphans.
3. That a Japanese house be built for a temporary home for the foreign workers, later to be used as a home for rescue girls.
4. That we be allowed to start building operations as soon

as the property Committee has passed on our house plans.

5. That, as our orphanage work in a natural way has formed itself into the rescue of infants otherwise doomed to death through starvation and neglect, and as such infants are not generally accepted in other orphanages we make it our policy to admit such children when possible.

6. That the Japanese chamber of the nenkwai in as much as there was no opportunity last year to pass an our petition to have one Sunday School offering a month set aside as a special offering for the orphanage be requested to take it up this year and pass on it favorably.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

Adjournment of Sixth Session at 5 : 30 p. m.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Eri., Sept. 14th, 1922.

9 a. m. Devotional service led by the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

9. 30 Called to order for business.

After the reading and approving of the minutes of the previous session, the House proceeded to a discussion of the location of the Girls' School, but no vote was taken at this session.

The Report of the Joint Evangelistic Committee was then read.

REPORT OF THE JOINT EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

TO THE 1922 CONVENTION

The Joint Evangelistic Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

A. ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS.

The committee held one meeting at Kobe, November 31–December 1, 1921, for organization and transaction of business. J. K. Linn was elected Chairman and H. Aoyama, Secretary. S. O. Thorlaksson was designated as stereopticon slide manager, and asked to try to secure and arrange one set of slides for circulating use in each district conference.

The committee made a tentative distribution of the ¥ 2,000. Special Evangelistic Fund as follows, leaving to the respective district conferences the final decision as to amounts and as to the general policy and methods to be followed:

¥ 125. each – Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, and Kagoshima (?), later changed to Kyoto.
90. each – Shimonoseki, Moji, Yahata, Kurume, and Saga.
60. each – Toyohashi, Naogata, Amagi, Hida, Karatsu, and Omuta. Nagoya was granted ¥ 25. and Saga ¥ 20. extra because of a second evangelist in each place.

This proposition having been put to the district conferences, the following decisions were made: Both conferences accepted the proposed basis of apportionment. The Eastern Conference decided on a policy of leaving the work entirely to the individual stations within the limits of their allowances. Thus far work has been done in Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, and Nagoya. The policy adopted by the Western Conference was that of a united campaign for all the stations within the conference. Its two members of the Joint Evangelistic Committee were asked to engage a special speaker and make the necessary arrangements. As satisfactory arrangements could not be made for the spring, the committee has engaged

the Rev. Seimatsu Kimura for a period of two months beginning in October, and proposes to use its whole allowance for this year on this one campaign.

The committee has requested of all stations that in conformity with the general policy outlined by their respective conferences, they send to the chairman of the committee a statement of their concrete plans, and that within one month after such work has been done, they send a full report of all that might be of use to the committee in making plans for future work.

The committee, believing it to be the only way to perform intelligently and effectively the duties assigned to us by the Convention, decided to make a visitation of all the stations for the purpose of study and investigation. This visitation was made in the Western Conference by Messrs. Chiga and Linn during May and June, and in the Eastern Conference by Messrs. Aoyama and Thorlaksson during the first half of July. Unfortunately, the committee has not been able to hold a meeting subsequent to the visitation, and so is unable to make as concrete suggestions as might otherwise have been expected. However, a list of the points of investigation and the data received are in the committee's files, and it is hoped that they may be of service to the in-coming committee.

Sunday School work was made a special point of investigation on the occasion of this visitation, and while the preliminary reports requested did not on the whole yield satisfactory results, we believe that through the visitation we have gained a pretty good idea of the general condition of this work, and we are making recommendations accordingly.

Special attention was paid also to the financial situation and the financial policy of the various churches and "kogisho", as also to the matter of forms and methods of keeping church records.

At a number of places, upon invitation of the pastor or evangelist in charge, the member of the committee preached or made addresses at special meetings that were held on the occasion of their visit.

Mr. Thorlaksson as slide manager sent out a circular letter asking for information about lanterns and slides, but received only a meager response. However, he reports that there are on hand at present Mission owned slided at Fukuoka, Moji, Kobe, and Nagoya. A second hand set of 80 slides was purchased for ¥ 30. He also worked out an outline of a new series on the Life of Christ, the pictures to be selected for the most part from good standard works, but because of health condition was unable to finish the project.

B. HANDICAPS.

At this point it seems only fair that something should be said of the difficulties that the committee encountered, as this will throw light on some of the recommendations that follow, and also account for the incompleteness of the report in other respects.

1. As no organization meeting was held at the Convention, we were unavoidably late in getting to work.

2. Being a newly constituted committee with no precedents to follow, we had in a sense to try to discover our proper sphere of activity.

3. Further delay was occasioned by a temporary misunderstanding on the part of the Joint Executive Committee as to the purposes and intentions of this committee. Some time was consumed in making explanations. And on this account the visitation was delayed, and when made had to be made too hurriedly for really thorough work.

4. A second delay within the Eastern Conference was caused by the illness of one of the committee members, Mr. Thorlaksson.

5. Finally, for various reasons, one of the greatest being the expense, we have been unable to hold a committee meeting for summing up and completing the work that we have undertaken.

We believe that practically all of these handicaps are of such a nature that they need not interfere with the work of the in-coming committee, and so by another year the Evangelistic Committee should be able to do really constructive

work. Our observations have convinced us that there is really a large and fruitful field to be worked for the extension and systematization of our work.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS.

We beg leave to make the following recommendations:

I. To the Convention –

1. That the committee be authorized to hold two meetings a year, one immediately at the close of the Convention and the other in the early summer after the visitation has been completed.

2. That the rule constituting this committee be so amended as to make it consist of one Japanese and one missionary member from each of the two district conferences, these to be elected as now by the Convention.

3. That the Joint Evangelistic Committee be authorized to make a visitation of all our stations in the spring of each year for the purpose of investigation and study of conditions and needs of our evangelistic field, with a view to recommending to the Joint Executive Committee or to the annual Convention such things as may seem necessary or desirable for the progress and improvement of our work.

4. That all our congregations be urged to make more systematic effort toward self-support, and to put greater emphasis on the idea of yearly progress, even though such increase may be small.

5. That the Convention use its efforts to discourage the practice of putting local moneys on savings accounts while drawing on Mission funds for current expenses.

6. That four communion services a year be considered a minimum for all our congregations, and that as far as possible they be held at regular set times.

7. That all our churches and chapels be provided with uniform church records as follows: church record book (kyokwai kiroku); roll book (meibo); inquirers' roll book (jūnkwai-in no meibo); record of meetings (shukwai-shi); treasurer's book (kwaikeibo); forms for letters of

transfer with attached receipt form (tenkwaijo); record of property and equipment (bihinbo); and library record (toshobo).

8. That if possible all our Sunday Schools be provided with a uniform course of study and with uniform Sunday School records.

II. To the in-coming Evangelistic Committee–

1. That the incoming committee at once undertake to establish a practical working standard for our church branch Sunday Schools, so as to secure as far as possible uniformity of organization, gradation, and instruction. Special attention is called to the matter of offerings, teachers' meetings, and conditions of enrollment.

2. That they give special attention during the coming year to the matter of Sunday School literature adapted to the needs of our Sunday Schools.

3. That as a temporary expedient, they before the end of this year make a selection of literature now available, and recommend it for use in our Sunday Schools during the year 1923.

4. That they prepare to recommend to the next Convention suitable forms of Sunday School records for uniform use in all our stations.

5. That in connection with these matters careful study be made of the data secured by this committee on its visitation this year.

In concluding this report, we would invite the Convention to a free and frank discussion of the work that we have done in order that our successors may profit by our mistakes and thereby more speedily increase our efficiency and thoroughness in carrying on the Master's business.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Linn, Chairman,
S. O. Thorlaksson,
H. Aoyama,
T. Chiga,

Joint Evangelistic Committee.

This Report was received and the recommendations taken up for consideration item by item. The Report called forth a good deal of discussion particularly in regard to what is exactly the sphere of the Committee.

In regard to the work of the Joint Evangelistic Committee, the Nenkai (Japanese Chamber) presented the following resolution, which was accepted by the Mission Chamber as defining the sphere of activity of the Committee pending the revision of the Constitution and Rules. This resolution is as follows: –

"That the duties of the Evangelistic Committee shall be: To study methods in respect to special and general evangelistic work, and put them into practice in consultation with and after securing the approval of the Joint Executive Committee."

The Reference Committee recommends that the Report of the Property Committee be adopted as a whole, and that the incoming Property Committee be particularly referred to Action No. 6 of April 25th (See Property Committee's Report), and instructed to draw up a rule governing the matter of Mission Insurance, and report at the next Convention.

Carried.

Adjournment at 12:15 p. m.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Friday, Sept. 14th.

2:30 p. m. Prayer by Miss Bowers.

Called to order for business by the President.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Nenkai reported that it had approved the organization of the Osaka Church. In response to this, the Mission requested the Business Committee to ascertain whether this action includes examination and approval of the Constitution of the Osaka Church, inasmuch as neither the Joint Executive Committee nor the Mission had yet had opportunity to review it.

The Nenkai reported that they had passed tho following rule in regard to travelling expenses to the Convention :–

Third Class except for pastors and regular members of the Nenkai above fifty years of age, sick persons, and exceptional cases, in which cases Second Class travel may be permitted.

The Mission acceded to this rule.

The Nenkai proposed a plan for purchasing and lending books to pastors and evangelists, in order to encourage more studious habits among our ministry. The plan was received by the Mission as information, and it was moved and carried that it be referred to the Literature Committee and Dean of the Theological Seminary to consider further and use as a basis for making concrete recommendations at the next Convention.

The Nenkai reports the following elections :–

OFFICERS OF THE NENKAI :

President : Rev. K. Takimoto
Vice Pres. Rev. T. Yonemura
Secretary : Rev. D. Honda
Treasurer : Rev. H. Aoyama

Nenkai Members of the Joint Executive Committee :–

Revs. Takimoto, Honda, and Chiga.

Nenkai Members of Literature Committee :–

Revs. Aoyama and Takashima.

Editor of the Lutheran (Ruteru):
Mr. S. Okuma.

Nenkai Members of the Joint Evangelistic Committee:–
Revs. Chiga and Aoyama.

The Nenkai appointed the following Constitution Revision Committee:– Revs. Chiga, Ishimatsu, and Honda.

The Mission appointed the following Constitution Revision Committee to co–operate with the Japanese Committee as a Joint Committee:– Revs. Nielsen, Stirewalt and Hepner.

The matter of the precise location of the Girls' School, which had been under consideration at frequent times, was now taken up for final decision:

The following resolution was introduced and after discussion unanimously adopted:–

Be it Resolved: That the Girls' School be located in the City of Kumamoto.

(Note: The Mission Chamber had at an early session requested the Nenkai to consider this matter and render an opinion in the nature of suggestion and advice. The Nenkai was equally divided between Kumamoto and the Kansai District, but acquiesced in the unanimous decision of the Mission.)

A motion was made and carried to the effect that a cablegram be sent to the Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America in Pittsburg, Penna., informing it of the location of the Girls' School at Kumamoto, and requesting Thirty–five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.) for the purchase of land.

The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following resolutions which were adopted :–

Whereas the policy of the Mission is for greater permanency in the location of missionaries, as recommended by the President,

Be it Resolved :

That the Standing Rule in paragraph (13), page 101 of the Minutes of the First Convention (1920), be, and is hereby rescinded : and

Be it Further resolved :

That if a missionary is not to return to the station that he leaves when he goes on furlongh, he should be so advised at the time his furlough is granted or within six months thereafter.

(Adopted)

Resolved :

That with the approval of the Board Mr. C. E. Norman be permitted to use all funds realized from his teaching in the Kurume Commercial School from January 1st, 1922 till the end of his present term, towards the purchase of a motor–cycle for the Fukuoka district.

(Adopted)

It was moved and carried : That the Ford machine in possession of Mr. Thorlaksson be given to Mr. Horn for use in his work, that the Mission take appropriate steps for securing a substitute car for Mr. Thorlaksson for his use upon his return to the field, and that the car now in use at Kyushu Gakuin be disposed of at the discretion of the Mission Executive Committee.

It was moved and carried : That an item for Yen–5000. be included in the 1923 Budget as a contribution to the Building Fund of the Canadian Academy, Kobe,

Adjournment 5 : 30.

NINTH SESSION.

Thurs., Sept. 14th

8 p. m. Opening prayer by Rev. L. G. Gray.

Called to order for business by President.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Moved and carried that the Mission hereby approves of the plan proposed by the Rev. C. W. Hepner to open a Christian Business Office for consultation in regard to religious matters, in the downtown district of the City of Osaka, as an experiment in evangelism, and that his request for Yen–600. for this purpose be authorized and included in the 1923 Budget for the Osaka Station.

Be it resolved that the Japan Mission hereby endorses the Resolutions of the Japan Kindergarten Union as follow:

Karuizawa, July 29th, 1922 these resolutions were adopted by the Japan Kindergarten Union:

"In view of the rapid growth of Christian Kindergartens in Japan,

In view of the fact that the Government is working towards higher standards for kindergarten workers,

In view of the fact that the Christian Training Schools in Japan are now sending out large numbers of trained Japanese kindergarteners,

In view of the fact that the Christian Kindergartens are still lacking sufficient numbers of adequately trained missionary kindergarteners,

Resolved:

That the Mission Boards of the United States, Canada, and England, be asked to recognize the need for specialists for this form of missionary activity in Japan, and to select adequately trained candidates of strong Christian

faith and experience, and also

That the Mission Boards be asked to recognize the wonderful opportunity before the Christian Kindergartens of Japan, and to make strenuous efforts to secure larger numbers of adequately trained specialists."

A resolution was introduced requesting the Joint Executive Committee to endeavor to find a worker to take charge of the Chikusa (Nagoya Station) work as soon as possible.

(Adopted)

It was moved and carried that the widow of the late Rev. S. Matsumoto receive in addition to regular child allowance Yen–25 for one full year, after which time only child allowance shall be continued according to the rule: and that this proposal shall be referred to the Joint Executive Committee.

Adjourned at 10: 10 p. m.

TENTH SESSION.

Sept. 15th, 1922.

8: 30 a. m. Opening devotions conducted by the President.

9 a. m. Session called to order for business.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted :–

In view of the fact that as a rule most of our missionaries summer in Karuizawa or vicinity, and also in

view of the fact that the travelling expenses to Karuizawa are very heavy,

Be it resolved: That the Board be requested to consider the advisability of revising its rule regarding Summer Allowance, to provide for round-trip second class railway, express, and sleeper fares for missionaries and dependent children, to summer resorts, provided the total fares do not exceed the total from our most distant station to Karuizawa.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved: That we respectfully call the attention of the Board to the educational needs of Mr. Horn's family, and request special consideration as provided for under IV, 3, b, page 5, 1920 Rules for Missionaries.

Consideration of the proposed Budget for 1923 was the chief item of business for this the final session of the Convention.

The Evangelistic Budget, Women's Evangelistic Budget, Mission Budget Kyushu Gakuin Budget, Women's Institutional Budget, were each considered separately corrected, and finally approved.

The Budget as a whole was finally adopted in corrected form, after having gone through the hands of the Finance Committee, and having been approved by the Joint Executive Committee and the Mission Executive Committee.

CLOSING SERVICE.

At 2 p. m., Friday, Sept. 15th, 1922, the two Chambers met together for a joint closing service, conducted by Rev. Edward T. Horn.

The retiring President, Rev. J. P. Nielsen, handed over the Chair to the new President, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, with mutual congratulations.

The Convention adjourned at Noon.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1923.

MEN'S WORK:		
Evangelistic Budget	Yen 57,265.00	
Mission Budget	49,737.00	
General	22,830.00	
Kyushu Gakuin Budget	35,500.00	
		Yen 166,332.00
WOMEN'S WORK:		
Evangelistic Budget	3,455.00	
General	10,685.00	
Institutions	9,093.00	
		23,233.00
GRAND TOTAL.....		189,565.00